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"Had I written the city was going to sell the Coliseum to a rose garden developer, the response could not have been more intense."

City Manager Keithley's thorny jab on our story on Oakland rose garden

by PEGGY STINNETT

As every rose fancier knows, tending rose bushes can be a hazardous venture.

On every stem there are thorns. Sometimes the thorns fight back and there's a blood letting.

But rose lovers don't give up tending roses because of a few wounds. A rose is a thing of beauty worth saving.

These are some of my reflections on the events of last week which centered on my story in The Montclarion about the possible sale of the world famous Morcom Rose Garden to make way for a high rise development.

The story said the city was planning to move the 8,000 rose bushes to Hellman park, providing that public park is not sold off, either all or in part, to a developer.

The article was based on information *offered* to me by not one but several highly placed employees in the city.

At the time I wrote the story I had no idea the Morcom Rose Garden was one of the city's Sacred Cows, on a par with the Oakland Coliseum. Had I written that the city was going to sell the Coliseum to a rose garden developer, the response could not have been more intense. Apparently, the Morcom Rose Garden is a very touchy subject. All the more reason, in my opinion, that the plans be exposed.

The reaction to the story from Oakland citizens was overwhelming. The outpouring came from the heart of the city. Citizens were outraged that the rose garden might be moved from the head of Jean street, where the annual Mother of the Year ceremony is held each year and was held last Sunday.

In the story, I wrote, "Reliable sources say City Manager Jerome Keithley is negotiating with a high rise developer to sell the acreage."

That is true. Reliable sources, the most reliable sources in the city, and I do not include City Manager Keithley, still say that is true. I will not back away from the facts.

On Thursday morning, at the city council's public meeting, Keithley was hot. He denied that sentence, quoted above, with an angry statement, and was vehement in an untempered defamatory personal attack on me.

While he might have done so, he did not make a strong statement saying he will not sell the Morcom Rose Garden, now or ever. I think that is significant in view of the facts. He merely denied he "has been or is" negotiating to sell the property.

It was interesting, however, the next day when the Oakland Tribune, in a rare outburst of accurate reporting, said a staff assistant in the city manager's office had held "informal" discussions with a real estate developer on the possibility of some sort of development on the rose garden's eight acre site.

I have additional information on the rose garden which I cannot divulge because to do so would reveal my sources. In view of the anger shown by the city manager at last week's council meeting, I felt more obliged than ever to keep my sources protected.

Still, let me expand somewhat on the rose garden story so readers can understand more

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Official (rough) transcript of officials' (rough) remarks

At the meeting of the Oakland City council last Thursday, May 6, when councilmen reached the agenda item entitled "Reports from Staff," City Manager Jerome Keithley began an exchange of remarks which should be of interest to readers of The Montclarion.

The transcript which follows was issued by the city clerk's office (apparently at the behest of a reporter from the city's daily newspaper). It was typed from a tape of the meeting, but is labeled a "rough draft" and should be so considered.

"REPORTS FROM STAFF

"Mr. Keithley: Mr. Mayor, under reports from staff it says none, but I have a report that I would like to bring up if I might.

"President Reading: All right, then we'll call from you first before we get into the resolutions, Mr. Keithley.

"Mr. Keithley: Mr. Mayor and members of the council. I am compelled this morning to take this time to respond to a malicious and unmitigated lie published in the May 5, 1971 edition of The Montclarion. The fallacious article written by Peggy Stinnett stated "reliable sources say City Manager Jerome Keithley, is negotiating with a high-rise developer to sell the acreage." And that's referring to the Morcom Rose garden.

"Gentlemen, this is a lie. And the author of this article is a liar. I have not and am not been negotiating, nor would I be negotiating without authorization from the city council anything with regard to this property. Nor have I even discussed the status of this property with any resident, taxpayer, or developer in the years that I have served as city manager of the city of Oakland.

"I resent the allegation which can only be motivated by hatred verging somewhat on the psychotic. No question was asked me to verify such a statement or anything else. And a lot of innocent people obviously would be concerned. So now the next story will be the city manager denies. The city manager has never talked to anyone and I would like to have that person come up and talk to me about the time I talked to him, her, it, or whatever it might be about negotiating to sell some property that I have no authority whatsoever to negotiate to sell in the first place. And rather than waiting to be called upon, I felt compelled right at the start to lay it right on the table the way it is and I regret that the author didn't have the courtesy to even ask the question as to whether I Jerome Keithley, commonly known as Jerry, was doing such a dastardly deed to the people of the city of Oakland.

"President: Mr. Keithley, I have some questions of you on this. I thought that you had a very heavy responsibility and I am questioning why you are wasting your time reading The Montclarion. I quit reading it a long time ago.

"Mr. Keithley: Mr. Mayor, it isn't reading the tabloid; it's the fact that innocent and concerned people immediately pick up the telephone and call you. So you are spending all your time denying it, and I think in a public meeting is the place to do it; and that's the fact and I place my record right on it.

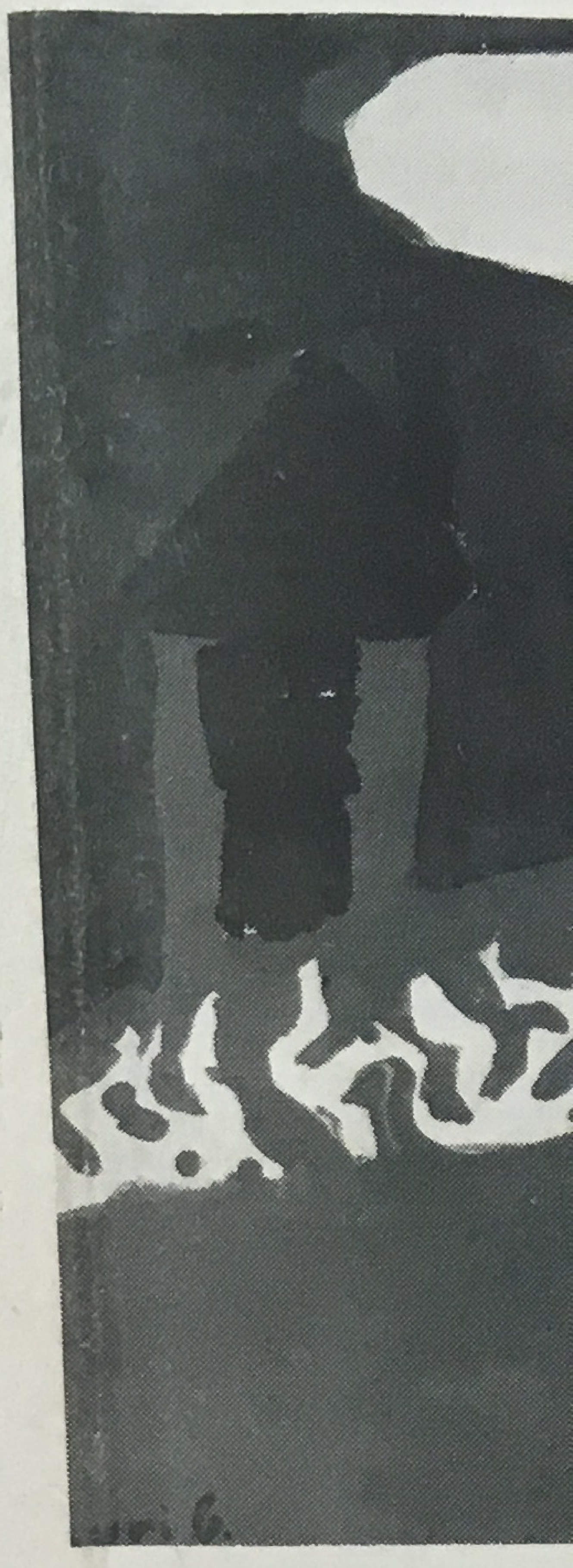
"President Reading: All right, I was being facetious obviously.

"Councilman Binns: Mr. Mayor, may I add the comment to this. It also was politically motivated. As everyone knows The Montclarion endorsed the coalition and my opponent at this time is a member of the coalition. And last night at a meeting, Mr. Sutter, the coalition candidate, brought that up to inform the people that the council also was in favor of this. So it is being used as a political motivation plan through the coalition. Thank you.

"President Reading: Well, again I say consider the source. This isn't anything new. We've had a record of misinformation, slanted reporting ever since I can remember that we've been subjected to.

"Councilman Vukasin: Mr. Mayor, I would not care to involve myself in what Mr. Keithley has said or what Mr. Binns has said. But if, Your Honor, if want to go any further on your statements, I wouldn't have any hesitation to challenge them.

"President Reading: Well, all right. I am stating a matter of my opinion, Mr. Vukasin. Any further discussion on this?"



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Oakland voters will elect one city councilman, one schoo board member and decide number of propositions at th polls next Tuesday, May 18.

The council race, a runof election for the "at large" sea on the council, pits incumben Harvey Binns against Joh Sutter. The Montclarion loud supported Mr. Sutter, who h been an active conservationi and has other pleasing ideas, the primary.

At the risk of leading him the same fate as other candida who carried this endorseme The Montclarion again suggest vote for Sutter is a vote for m responsive city government.

The school board seat at st is the only one in which incumbent was not returned office (most likely becaus was the only one in which incumbent was running). Ell Brown, Jr., faces David Tucker, Jr. in this race.

Tucker has been endorsed lot of people we generally ourselves in disagreement while Brown has pulled c remarkable coup in endorsement biz: both Oakland Education associ and the Oakland Federati Teachers, usually at odds, backed him for the post.

PROPOSITION A
Emergency Proposition

...'s Witnesses challenge ...decision to ban church

produce a hazard for pedestrians and the 25 children in the immediate neighborhood."

Young asked the council to state in a letter the "specific reasons and points of objection" why the council voted against the permit which was granted by the planning commission earlier.

"We reviewed the tape of the meeting and we didn't feel there was any valid reason given that the planning commission had erred," said Young. "The council's vote was on the public opinion of the neighbors and not on the facts of the appeal."

Councilman Fred Maggiora told Young, "We looked at the maps and property owners were against it."

Mayor John Reading thought perhaps the matter should be referred to the civic action committee but Councilman George Vukasin said he preferred the city attorney write a letter giving the specific reasons for the denial.

"It seems a moral obligation of the council to explain the reasons of how the vote went," said Mayor Reading who had cast the only vote in favor of the church the week before. Vukasin answered that he wanted the city attorney to answer for him.

David Pearson, another spokesman for the church, said if the council was to make laws, the council should abide by the laws it makes. "We were not aware that the people would have a veto vote."

He said on two prior occasions, the church has sought to locate a Kingdom Hall in the area and both times they were denied by the planning commission. "This time we complied in every respect and we feel an injustice has been done."

Pearson said the church would take legal action if necessary, which prompted Councilman Paul Brom to say in that case he felt the city attorney should not answer the letter.

Mayor Reading said he thought the city attorney should examine the legalities and if there was any possibility of the action being overturned, the council might reconsider its action.

City Attorney George Cahalan indicated the council could jeopardize its position from a legal viewpoint by writing such a letter.

The mayor, however, said if the city attorney believed the action illegal it would be "economical and simpler" to reconsider the action.

Pearson warned that there are cases identical to this one and he wanted the councilmen to be aware of "the color the council is apt to be painted" if the matter goes to court.

"Now we're being threatened!" said Brom. "What do you mean you're going to paint the council a certain color?"

"We will do what is legally necessary," replied Pearson.

With no council action on the complaint, the Jehovah's Witnesses apparently will now take their grievance to the courts.

Keithley's thorny jab on rose garden story

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fully why the story appeared at all.

First, it was not a story I initiated, although I would have had I gotten a smell of the proposal.

The fact is, however, I was *offered* the story by extremely concerned people, very involved in trying to save the rose garden.

It seems there are many people in Oakland who don't know about the Morcom Rose Garden. One of the reasons for this is the lack of adequate signing directing people to the rose garden. Also, there is inadequate parking at the site, developed as it was when the automobile was not the problem it is today.

On the other hand, there are people in Oakland who have rarely visited the Oakland Coliseum. Yet as taxpayers in Oakland we pay $750,000 a year to "buy" it on a lease purchase plan so private enterprise can garner its profits. As Alameda county taxpayers, we pay another $750,000 a year as the county's "share" to "support" the Coliseum.

All this leads to the reason why the city was planning to sell the Morcom Rose Garden. There was a case being built to prove not many people "enjoyed" it.

Attendance figures were being compiled on how many visitors were coming to see the garden. But, it turns out, the attendance figures were being tallied during the winter months when the rose bushes were dormant.

I happen to think if there are people who like rose gardens and there is a beautiful one in our city, we should keep it.

But apparently city management thinks otherwise.

The plot to unplot the rose bushes in Morcom Rose Garden was not really even a "scoop", in the jargon of newspapering. It was common knowledge for over a year that the city wanted to "unload" what city officials believe are drains on the budget. The whole thrust was to eliminate gardeners. This, when the city's elected officials are wringing their hands over the high unemployment rate in the city.

As for the money involved, since the Morcom Rose Garden is a tourist attraction, a creative management could seize some of the motel-hotel tax revenue to pay for the gardeners if that seems necessary. At last reporting, there was over $500,000 in a restricted reserve fund of motel-hotel taxes which could be used to fund the Morcom Rose Garden, in part or whole.

The idea to unload the Morcom Rose Garden has been alive since it was proposed by a consultant hired by the city manager's office to review the city's parks about three years ago.

Again, according to my reliable sources, and I still say they are reliable, the consultant proposed selling off not only the Morcom Rose Garden but also a piece of park property known as Pine Knoll near Lake Merritt, Raimondi ball park near the Emeryville city line, and Hellman park in east Oakland.

But before anything substantive could be done about these disposals, last fall The Montclarion in a series of articles on Hellman park, brought to light the fact that the city might sell that historic 50 acre parcel, which is the site of the beautiful Dunsmuir House.

Readers of The Montclarion know the response to the series on Hellman park and Dunsmuir House. As a result, the city has been forced to deal with its future. Garden clubs are proposing to keep the property for public use. But there is that lurking possibility, that it still may be sold off to developers. The garden clubs and other service organizations are on the spot right now to come up with proposals to vie with those of a developer who wants to build high rise on Hellman park land.

Obviously, from the city's standpoint, the clamoring demand for public use of Hellman park is almost undeniable. So what to do with the plans to unload park and recreation property? Of course, the solution was to make Hellman park a horticultural center, thus justifying the removal of the rose bushes in Morcom rose garden on Jean street to the east Oakland location.

So you want a horticultural center? What's a horticultural center without a rose garden?

Plans in the making last week, in fact, for the Hellman park showed a large parcel set aside for a "rose garden."There is no doubt those roses were to come from Morcom Rose Garden.

The question I posed to one of my sources about the possible move concerned the many deer romping the grounds in Hellman park, which is landscaped in a natural style which invited wild life. It was John McLaren, the Scotch gardener designer of Golden Gate park who designed a large portion of Hellman park.

So I was concerned about what would happen if the deer chomped down the rose bushes, which deer are very apt to do. I was told that had already been considered and the plan was to kill off the deer if this became a problem.

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Frankly, I think the citizens of Oakland came out of this smelling like a rose.

After taking such a self righteous position on the Morcom Rose Garden, City Manager Keithley will look rather foolish if, in a month, two months or six months, he proposes to sell it or move it.

Right now, let's just be happy the Morcom Rose Garden is apparently here to stay.

As for me, I got stabbed by Keithley's thorny, abusive language. Indeed, there was some blood let.

But perhaps that's the price of saving a rose.

Schools get '69-'70 audit report

The Oakland board of education met prior to its public meeting last Tuesday night in the superintendent's cabinet room to receive the outside auditor's report for the year ending June 1970.

The meeting in room 301 began at 7 pm and the public meeting at 7:30 pm.

A representative from the firm of Main LaFrentz submitted the report on November 2, 1970, but this was the first time the school board had seen it. Board members asked a few questions, then asked to review it in depth with the agreement that if there is further need for clarification, another meeting will be held.

The report shows the district received a total of $62,314,453 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970. Expenditures included $ 1,492,593 for administration, $42,634,815 for instruction, $734,967 for health services, $274,942 for pupil transportation, $4,305,620 for operation of school plant, $1,467,562 for maintenance of school plant, and $5,332,547 for fixed charges, bringing the total expense for education to $56,243,046.

In addition to these expenses, the district also spent $585,134 for food services, $2,039,166 for community services, $1,501,454 for capital outlay, $49,084 for debt service, and $874,966 for "transfers."

Total expenditures for the fiscal year came to $61,292,850 leaving an "excess of revenues over expenditures" at $1,021,603. The fund balance as of July 1, 1969, noted the auditor, was $5,667,940 while the fund balance on June 30, 1970, was $6,689,543, of which $3,986,638 was in restricted accounts.

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BY FRED GRAESER

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In a public meeting of the city ...ouncil Manager Keithley called ...eggy a liar. He was joined by ...ayor Reading and Councilman ...inns in wild charges against The ...ontclarion's and KTVU's community reporter.

The fact of the matter is that many people knew of the plan to sell Morcom Rose garden.

Peggy Stinnett has never, repeat NEVER, been guilty of a major inaccuracy in any of the reports she has made in The Montclarion or on her portion of the Tuck and Fortner report on KTVU.

That's something to think about.

The astounding surpluses in the city treasury, which she first revealed to public notice a month or so ago, are still unexplained. You can be sure it is exactly as she has stated it, and don't you believe the politicians who are trying to make their servants look good, even though some very serious mistakes have been made in financial record keeping in the city.

Furthermore, she probably saved the rose garden from a quiet rape which Keithley had no doubt smoothly engineered until Peggy's story alerted a horde of enraged citizens who flooded the city hall with protests last week.

EXPLANATION

Mayor Reading's ignorance of what's going on in the city is finally explained.

It happened in connection with Keithley's attempted put-down of Peggy Stinnett. The good mayor admonished Keithley not to spend any time refuting The Montclarion.

"I quit reading it a long time ago," he said.

That's obviously part of his problem.

PLAIN CLOTHES

A reporter for the Inter-City Express discovered a segment of revealing dialogue in a county courtroom recently.

In Judge Phillips's court:

Q. Officer, do you recall the night of January 8, 1971, when you participated in this raid on the residence at 1272 - 82nd avenue?

A. Yes, sir.

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your ability, what you were wearing that night? – That is, uniform or plain clothes.

A. Plain clothes.

Q. Do you remember specifically what you had on?

A. I had on a pair of brandy velour flares, pair of boots, a tie-dyed T shirt, purple flowered shirt, two sets of love beads and a silk jacket.

Q. What color love beads?

A. Multi-colored.

IDEAL

The utilities are under fire for their advertising practices, which cost money and become a direct increased cost to consumers of their service.

Take PG&E, for example. They aren't increasing their costs with advertising in The Montclarion any longer, so I can speak quite freely.

Their ads have tried to persuade the consumer to buy more appliances that would increase their consumption of electricity, but at the same time the PG&E contends it needs more productive capacity and therefore we should let them construct atomic power plants anywhere they choose. Does that all make sense? (Don't answer that question).

And the telephone company. (They put ads in The Montclarion, so I'd better be careful what I say.) I watch their ads on television and I get the message – they don't want me ever to call a wrong number, or make inquiries of their information girls. I should always look it up first in the big book, and when I get the right number, I should jot it down in a special place.

But the ads lead me to believe I should call home to mother and the kids and all like that every night after 7 o'clock because it's a much nicer way to communicate than almost anything else.

But I really admire the phone company. They sell advertising in a telephone directory which they issue only once a year. Get that – it's an annual publication. Yet they are able to charge advertisers by the month for this once-a-year book.

I could get rich doing that.

I could put out The Montclarion once a month, for example, and collect for the advertising by the week.

All I have to do is be declared a public utility.

However, the phone company is different than the PG&E. The phone company wants to charge you for the service, but would rather you didn't use it.

The PG&E wants you to use your electrical appliances constantly. Never turn 'em off.

LOST ANNIE

The one good thing in the Tribune has been dropped.

Little Orphan Annie.

I can't bear it.

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Setting for annual Mother's day award

Oakland's famed rose garden may be sold for high rise

Oakland's world famous Morcom rose garden may be sold to a high rise developer, it was learned last week.

The eight-acre city property is located at the head of Jean street, off Grand avenue. Right now it is bursting with color as most of its 8,000 rose bushes are in bloom.

On Sunday, the rose garden will be the gala setting for the city's annual Mother's Day ceremonies during which the "Mother of the Year" will be announced. The ceremony may mark the end of a long established tradition.

Reliable sources say City Manager Jerome Keithley is negotiating with a high rise developer to sell the acreage. The plan would be to move the thousands of rose bushes to Hellman park, site of Dunsmuir House, in the east Oakland foothills.

But the fate of Hellman park is equally uncertain because the city council is not scheduled to act on its future until mid-May. At that time, a developer says he will come in with a sale proposition to vie with proposals of the Oakland-East Bay Garden clubs for Hellman park.

The reason for selling off the rose garden, in addition to the handsome profit the city would make from the public land, would be to eliminate the four gardeners needed to tend the roses.

George Shiraki, who bears the title of head rosarian, is the chief caretaker and tender of the garden which includes 400 varieties, including almost every one of the All America rose selections.

Shirake is a consulting rosarian, one of only four selected by the northern California, Nevada, Hawaiian district of the national American Rose society.

The first rose was planted in the garden in 1932. In 1934 when Oakland's mayor was Fred Morcom, the garden was renamed from the Oakland municipal rose garden to the Morcom rose garden.

Experts say the garden is the most beautiful municipal rose planting in the entire world. Last year the American Rose society held a seminar there in preference to the United Nations Rose Garden in New York.

Part of the garden is planted in formal Florentine style, the rest is in a Floribunda garden. Standing as silent sentinels around a portion of the garden are rare specimens of trees from around the world.

During the week of May 12-16 the National Convention of the American Rose society will be meeting in San Francisco and a delegation from New Zealand has already made arrangements to visit Oakland's Morcom garden.

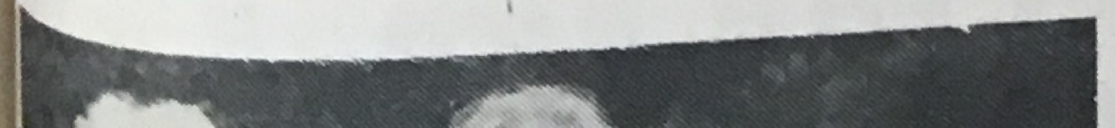
The garden blooms continuously from about this time of year through December. There are five crops planted which means every six weeks a new crop of blooms burst forth.

This Sunday's ceremony will be held at 2 pm under the sponsorship of the Oakland Jaycees, the parks and recreation department and the East Bay Rose society. Mary Ann Parks of Channel 2's "Romper Room" will be a guest.

Admission is free and all residents are urged to visit the world famous garden which may soon be dismantled for a highrise development.

OVERVIEW of the world renowned Morcom municipal rose garden, which may soon be put on the block for sale

Attorney-general revises speech after hearing girl from Skyline score the law



A drastic overhaul of the American judicial system was

presentation to include a rebuttal of some of Miss Rose's charges as well as a plea for

second-rate martyrs" stating "for this is a country that was founded on revolution and its

whereby the majority could by their vote change or even abolish our form of government without

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New business directory in this issue

Montclair Business association's Directory of Businesses and Professions in the Village is published in this issue.

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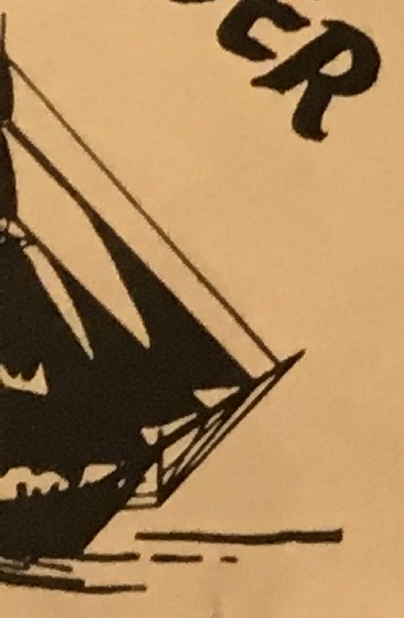
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City won't widen 35th avenue after all

The Oakland city council voted last week to drop its 35th avenue street widening project.

The action rescinded a resolution passed last Nov. 13 authorizing the project.

Protest from homeowners along the route, from the MacArthur freeway up to the Warren freeway, brought about the change of heart.

Represented by the Redwood Heights Improvement assocation, the homeowners persuaded the city council by turning out in force for last week's meeting and presenting the results of a vote taken among residents which indicated 216 favored a narrower street which would not require acquisition of private land. The balloting found only 147 residents wanted the "city plan."

As a result of the city council's vote, there is no plan of any kind for changing 35th avenue. The vote leaves the street as is until further action is taken.

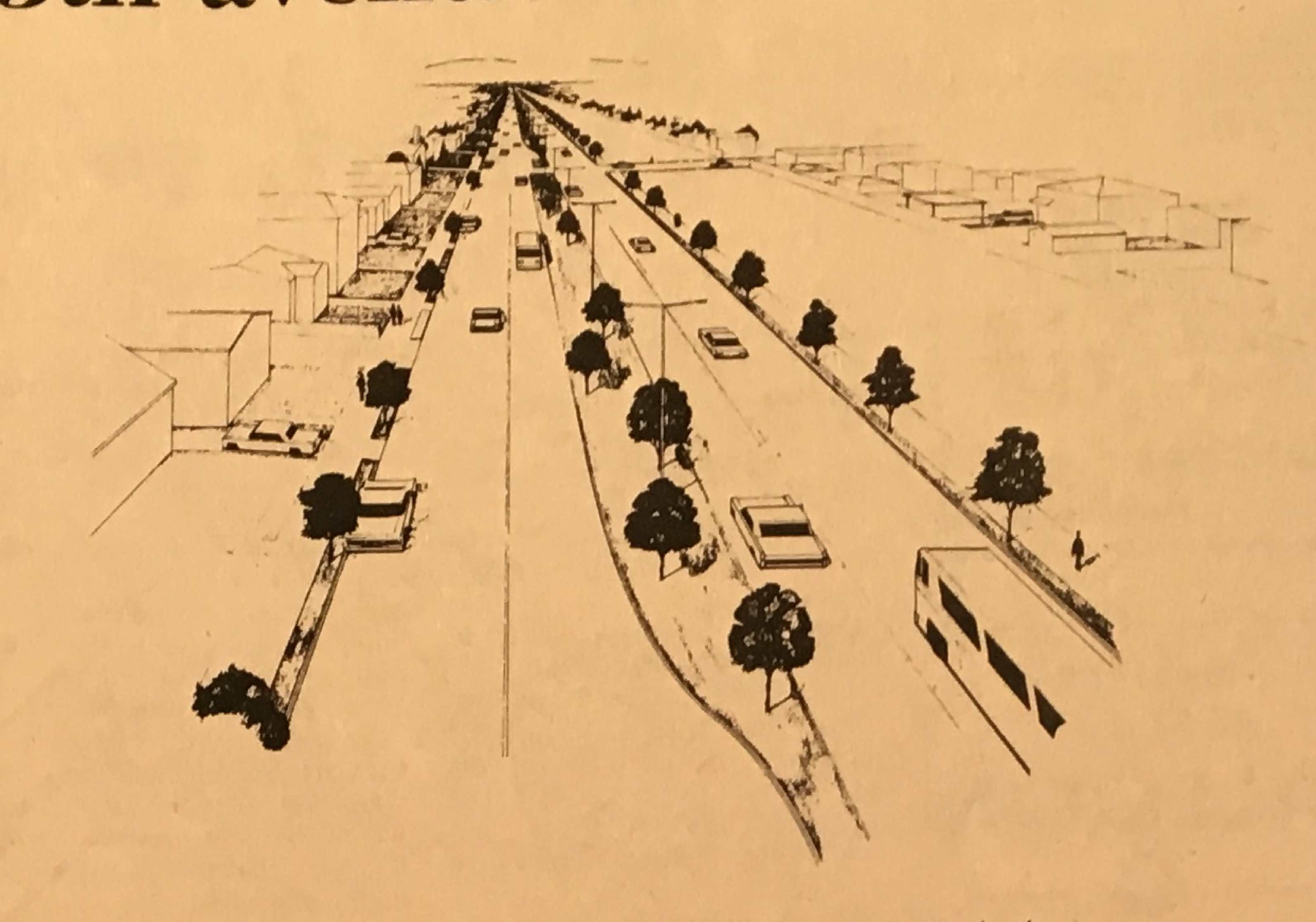
The controversy over the widening project has been going on for more than two years, ever since residents first learned of the proposed project.

Under the city plan, properties on the west side of the street would have been acquired at an estimated cost of $5 million dollars. A four-lane divided roadway, 64 feet wide with a landscaped center strip had been planned.

The Redwood Heights group proposed a four-lane street but without a center dividing strip and with narrower sidewalks. This plan would have required the city to acquire portions of frontage of the properties along 35th avenue but not the whole properties.

Appearing on behalf of the homeowners were Herb Sandal, president of the Redwood Heights Improvement association, and its director, Steve Casalina.

Residents who opposed the city plan included John Stewart of 4531 Elinora street, who complained that the only reason the street needed to be widened was because of the new Merritt college on upper Redwood road. Stewart argued that this was a campus "not even the black people wanted."



Artist's sketch of the way 35th avenue is not going to look

Paul Stover of 3864 - 35th avenue, indicated he favored the city plan, saying "if the city is going to do it, it should do it right."

Speaking on behalf of the Redwood Heights plan was Harry Lange, a former city councilman, who said it didn't make sense "for the city to spend $5 million to lose $4 million." The loss would be in the tax dollars forfeited if the properties were acquired by the city.

Others who spoke were Marlin Mack of 3659 Redwood road, who favored the city plan, as did Mrs. Barbara Ciu, a beauty salon owner who said she spoke for "mothers of children" who would be facing hazardous conditions as they walked to Redwood Heights school.

James McCarty, director of public works, responded to the charge that the city will "lose $4 million dollars" by saying that was a "play on words." He said substantial portions of properties acquired but not needed for widening would be resold. With the increase in assessed valuation because of the development of that property, there would be an increase in city tax revenue, said McCarty.

Jack Riis of 4157 - 35th avenue, favored what he called a "third plan" which would have taken properties on the east side of the street. But McCarty said that plan would cost $15,000 more and the taking of the west side provided for better road alignment.

Mayor John Reading described the controversy as a "difficult issue" saying he personally had "mixed emotions."

He said he thought the Redwood Heights Improvement assocation ballot was "slanted because it claimed the city would spend $5 million dollars to lose $4 million."

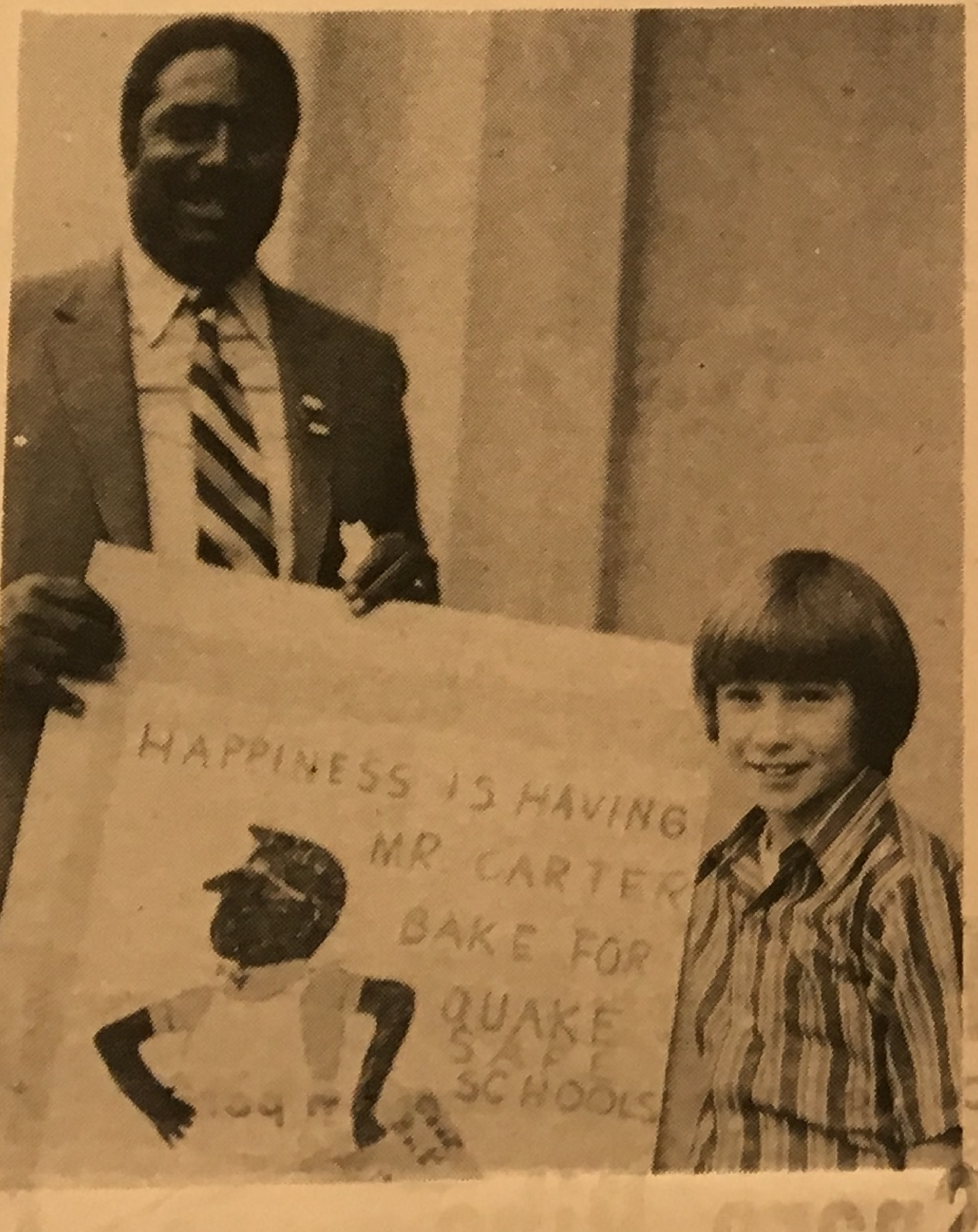
"These are public safety funds," he explained. "If we don't spend the money on 35th avenue, we'll have to improve some other street. We're here to consider the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Normally, I would favor the neighborhood, but this project would provide for easier passage of automobiles and will affect many more people than live in the neighborhood."

Councilman George Vukasin said the 35th avenue widening had been an issue ever since he's been on the council and he felt the council should reconsider the whole issue.

Councilman Felix Chialvo seconded the motion noting, however, that quite a few people had favored the city plan.

Councilman Paul Brom noted that if the council rescinded its resolution of last November, "nothing is going to happen to 35th avenue."

And with that the council voted by 6 to 3 to rescind the November resolution. Opposing the motion were Councilmen Brom, Fred Maggiora and Mayor Reading.



DISTRICT SCHOOL Superintendent Verdese Carter selling a sweet potato pie he baked himself at a Montclair school auction to raise funds for the Quake Safe schools campaign. Bruce Sturgeon, also with the Oakland schools (in grade 3), displays his prize picture of the superintendent in the kitchen.

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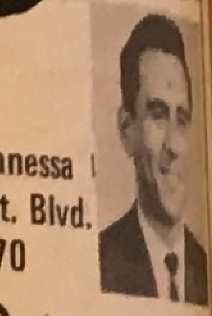
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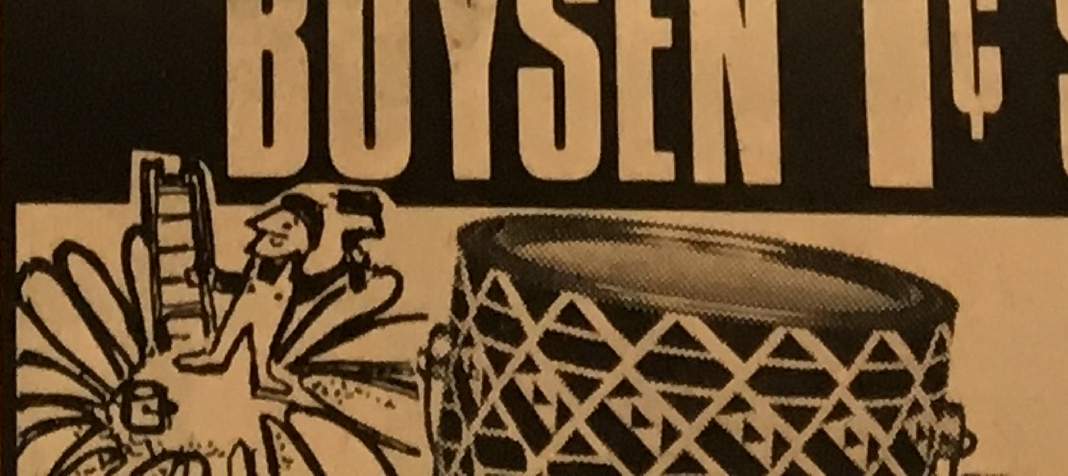
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Juvenile Justice commission, 1 pm, Senior Camp, 2600 Plaza drive, San Leandro.

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Civil service commission, 1 pm, room 477, appellate hearings.

Friday, May 14: Civil service commission regular weekly meeting, 4 pm, room 477. Tuesday, May 18, Board of Supervisors 9am, fifth floor meeting room.

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BAY AREA MEETINGS:

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS will hold their general assembly conference at Silverado Country club Wednesday, May 26 - Friday, May 28. The subject of the conference is "Regionalism – Strategy for Change," a penetrating look at state and federal policy trends and how they affect regionalism. For further information contact ABAG at Hotel Claremont, Berkeley 94705 or phone 841-9730.

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OAKLAND LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS unit meetings May 17, 19 and 20 continue the national league study of the United States Congress.

Monday, May 17: Lakeview unit, 1 pm, Lakeview branch library, between Grand and Lakeshore avenues.

Wednesday, May 19: Redwood unit, 10am, First Lutheran church, Redwood road and Mountain blvd. 1 pm.

Alameda unit, 1 pm, First Christian church, 2441 San Jose Avenue.

Park unit, 7:45 pm, Park Blvd. Presbyterian church, Hampel and Park Blvd.

Thursday, May 20: Fairmount unit, 9:45 am, First Christian church, 29th and Fairmount, upstairs (enter through parking lot).

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City trades park land for strip of private property

The city council approved a swap of properties last week on Bridgeview drive.

In the exchange, the city is giving up 840 square feet of park property alongside private property owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson at 4385 Bridgeview drive, north of Leimert blvd., adjoining Dimond canyon.

For receiving the 10 by 84 feet strip of property, the Williamsons are giving to the city 25.34 feet of the back of their 50 foot lot, 1250 square feet.

The Williamson lot is vacant, and according to the planning department, the exchange was sought so a home could be constructed on the parcel. Because of a fill condition, the 10 foot strip was needed, according to the planners.

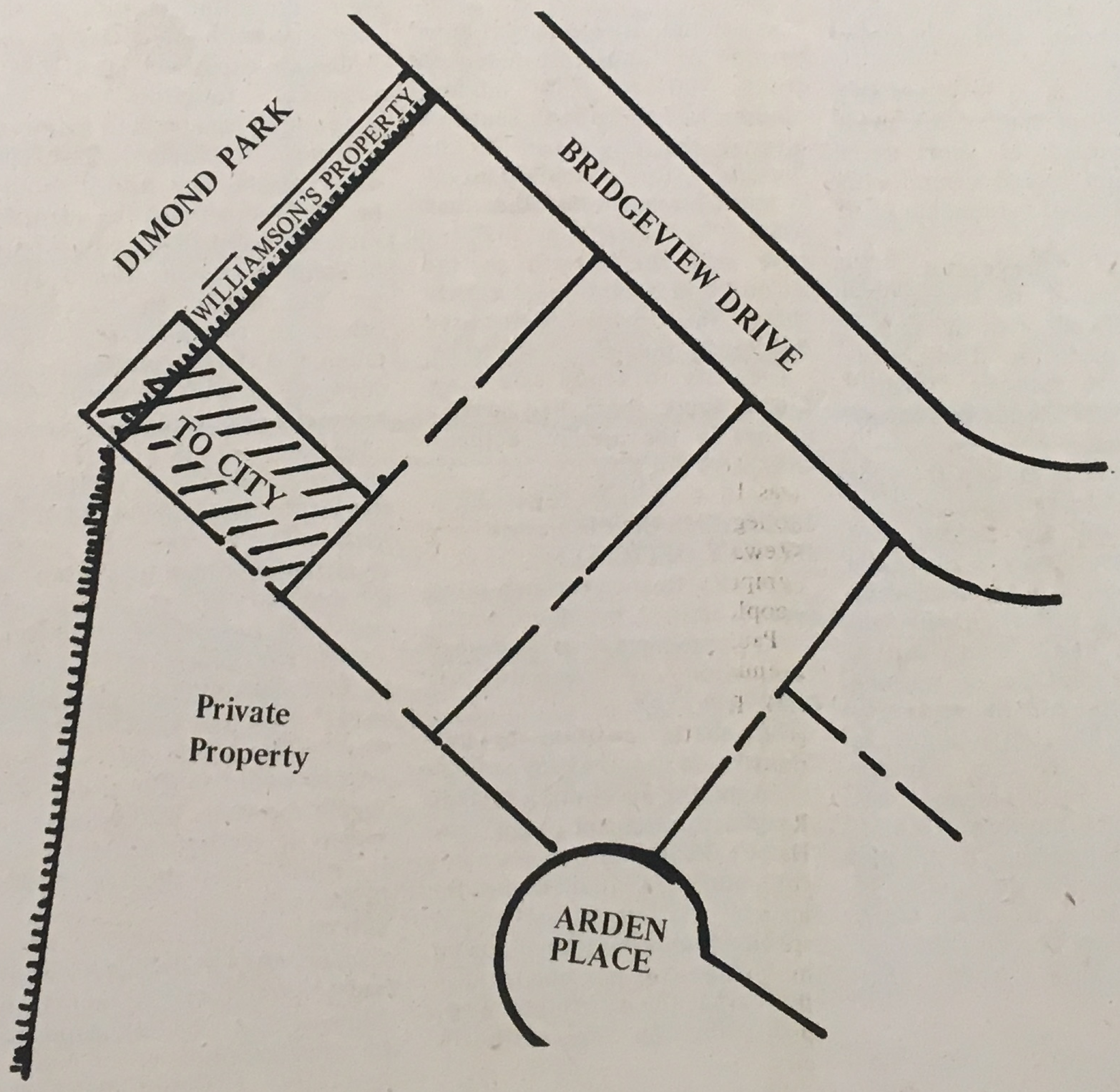
Jay Ver Lee, director of parks and recreation, indicated he felt the exchange "desirable" when it first came before the city planning commission.

While there were several phone calls in opposition to the exchange when it was first publicly posted, when the public hearing was held before the planning commission no speakers appeared in protest.

The exchange leaves the city with a strange configuration of park land, a "pocket" which will be largely unusable because of its steeply sloped sides.

The 84 foot parcel was zoned R-30 in one city council action and in another the exchange was given approval last week.

This map indicates that the major portion of the "new" city park property will front on private property.



Building in the hills

DWELLING: 7020 Paso Robles drive; Thomas H. Lowe, owner; $26,000.

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DWELLING: 1145 Manzanita drive; Jack A. Anderson, owner, $38,700.

REPAIRS: 6843 Broadway terrace; Mary Davi, owner, $1700.

DWELLING: 7960 Hansom drive; O.W. Johnson Construction company, owner; $31,600.

REPAIR: 4071 Lyman road; Melvin Gray, owner; $2500.

ALTERATION: 6970 Broadway terrace; D. Simkin, owner, $2500.

ALTERATION: 7001 Saroni drive; Cummins, owner; $4000.

DWELLING: 6860 Chambers drive, Joel H. Smith, owner; $30,000.

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Dr. Foster responded, saying ... budget. I would not propose to discuss it at this time."

'Don't sell it...'

Petition to save Hellman Park

A dramatic moment came last Tuesday night at the Oakland city council meeting when a petition was unfurled containing the signatures of 1100 citizens who want Hellman park and beautiful Dunsmuir house to be saved for public use.

The petition also asks that if the city administration intends to make any other use of the property, that question be put before the voters of Oakland.

Kenneth Johnson, representing Dr. Lloyd L. Isenhour and the Hellman Park - Dunsmuir house committee, handed over the petition to the city council. He was also representing the Sierra club and other Oakland citizens.

Johnson cited the Easter Sunday turnout of more than 8,000 visitors for the open house at Hellman park as another example of how the public supports the park.

"We urge you to consider our need of open space when you deliberate the future of this park," said Johnson. "We need a place to be proud of, we need open space for future generations."

Mayor John Reading told Johnson "There is not one person on this council who doesn't agree with you, but our dilemma is cost. There is substantial maintenance involved and the city is faced with a real problem with the budget this year and we are trying to hold the tax rate."

He asked Johnson if there would be any objection to a fee schedule or admission fee. Johnson said he did not believe there would be opposition.

A study is in progress by Jay Ver Lee, superintendent of parks and recreation, which will be ready the end of the month, Reading said.

Councilman Frank Ogawa took the occasion to announce that the First Agricultural district, which stages the annual garden show, has voted to explore the possibility of holding the show at Hellman park next year.

John Sutter, Oakland attorney and city council candidate, called on councilmen to withdraw an invitation to a developer because of the impressive display of what people of the east bay would like to see at the park.

"I urge the council to withdraw its offer to William Harrison to submit proposals for a development," said Sutter. Harrison was asked by the council to come in with some proposals at the same time the East Bay Garden Clubs Inc. submit their plans.

He warned that the city council may lose all future federal open space land grants if the property is sold. William Penn Mott, Jr., the state's superintendent of parks who was superintendent of parks in Oakland when the property was purchased, has indicated he could veto all grants in the future if the city sells property obtained by past grants, said Sutter. The property was purchased, in part, with an open space land grant of $60,000.

"A pledge was made at that time it would remain open space," said Sutter, but the mayor said he did not recall a pledge to that effect.

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Letters to the Edi

Roses for the Trib

Editor:

Would you be interested in a copy of my letter to the editor of the Tribune? I sort of hope so. It'll never see the light of day there. And I figured in this form it would also serve to let you know what happened Wednesday afternoon.

I'm glad I was lazy and decided to phone instead of writing a letter asking politely about what was happening. It's most interesting, and do suppose my call Wednesday triggered their reading of your newspaper? I hope so, because the resultant coverage and heated denials are beautiful.

TGS

OAKLAND TRIBUNE
Oakland, California
Dear Editor:

Bill Martin's story re the Rose Garden leaves me confused. Perhaps you can clear things up.

On Wednesday, May 5, when The Montclarion was delivered and I read their story about the contemplated sale of the Rose garden, I decided to telephone the city manager, "Jerome Keithley, commonly known as Jerry," and see what explanation I could get. The girl who answered the phone at 273-3301 told me the city manager was out of his office at that time.

Because I'd just read, also in The Montclarion, that his salary is in excess of $40,000 per year, and because I'm one of his employers, and the time was quite early on Wednesday afternoon, I asked where he was. The girl answered that she didn't know, and that she'd let me talk "to the city manager's secretary."

A long wait ensued, and a gentleman came on the line with an offer to help. I told him I understood that the city manager's office was thinking of the sale of the Rose garden. He inquired with a rise in voice level, as to the source of my information. I told him I'd read it in The Montclarion.

He replied, "Well, the city manager's not 'thinking' about selling the Rose garden – this is just one of several proposals. In fact, it was the suggestion of a citizen who proposed that the Rose garden be sold in order to help keep Dunsmuir house."

I said "We can't have both?" He said it would be difficult – that the Rose garden wasn't visited a great deal anyway.

I reminded him that regardless of visitors, we need all the growing things in Oakland that we can have – that ecologically the loss of the Rose garden meant the loss of another buffer against pollution. He answered that the rose plants would all be transferred to Dunsmuir house.

I said "Oh" and he said "I hope I've answered your question – and anyway, the mayor and the city council might not go along with the whole idea."

I said on Wednesday that I thought I'd had an answer to my question, but now I wonder. If the Rose garden sale had not been discussed, at least, why did I get such a detailed explanation of obvious planning for such possible action. And if it had been discussed in the city manager's office, why such a "rare public outburst of anger" displayed by Mr. Keithley when questioned, as reported in the story by-lined by Bill Martin in today's Tribune? Why wasn't my question on Wednesday met with similar indignation on the part of the mayor's spokesman?

Anyway, it's awfully good newspaper coverage for the Rose garden. A paid publicist couldn't have done better.

Maybe that was Peggy Stinnett's motive – not "hatred, verging somewhat on the psychotic," as the city manager reportedly stated. And I really don't think Mrs. Stinnett is a liar. In fact, I'm very grateful to her and to The Montclarion to alerting us to the possibility of such a "dastardly deed."

Hoping for an early reply, I remain,

THEODORA G. SELK
Brown avenue

Communists oppose genocide, so...

Editor:

Those that would surrender our freedoms never give up!

The proposed genocide treaty has passed out of the senate foreign relations committee and can be brought up for a vote on the senate floor at any time.

Why is this treaty, which has been turned down more than 20 times, so dangerous a threat to our freedoms?

1. You could be tried for genocide in another land by a world tribunal and without any of our constitutional guarantees.

2. If ratified, the treaty would take away the protection of your life and property now provided by the constitution.

3. Genocide as defined in the treaty could be construed as consisting of almost anything you or a group might do that supposedly caused physical or mental harm to a member of a minority group, religious groups, etc.

4. In other countries they can decide to what extent they want to implement a treaty; in the United States the provisions of a treaty, after senate approval, becomes the law of the land.

It is no wonder that the September, 1970 issue of Political Affairs, the theoretical journal of the Communist party said that every communist should be fully involved in this campaign to pass the genocide treaty!

Every American should urge his senators to oppose it.

(MRS.) ANN M. MEHRTEN
San Leandro

Politic thanks

Editor:

ON behalf of H. Pat Balen and "The Friends of Pat Balen" campaign committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Montclarion for their cooperation during the April 20 election.

Sincerely,
DAVID PARRY
Campaign chairman
"Friends of Pat Balen Committee"

Editor:

On behalf of the Oakland police and firefighters, we thank the citizens of Oakland for approving Measures 2 and 3.

We appreciate everyone's support and will continue to make your protective services the finest in the nation.

Thanks also to your newspaper for its cooperation in supporting us.

A. J. "ART" DeZOTT
Campaign Chairman

Schools & Houses

Readers sent a number of letters on the earthquake bond measure (mostly pro) which were either too late for our last issue or very like letters printed therein. The following communication, from an engineer, is printed, however moot, because it answers some questions a great many people seem to have. – Ed.

Editor:

environment. In the country they may control rats, but not here. One of the pleasant features of living in the hill area is (or was) the presence of birds of all kinds, and especially the California Quail, but loose cats have nearly put an end to this native bird.

I have asked an attorney regarding the rights of trespassing cats, and he says they have no rights whatsoever, and may be disposed of at the option of the property owner.

Something will surely be done in time about excess cats. Why not take steps before more ordinances are adopted to control them. Get rid of them so that the birds can survive!

MONTCLARION ENTHUSIAST

Save a lion

Editor:

I had to send you a copy of this because it's your fault I got involved. Your great article of (what date?) about the mountain lion made me stop and think about such things as. . . who cares about the mountain lion? Wouldn't it be great if we had people that were concerned about our already extinct species?

I've been working along now with the Coalition to Save the Mountain Lion but I'm very much afraid we have lost the battle. This letter is just one more to perhaps make them stop and think. Nice try!

NORMA BALLOU

For immediate attention of the Honorable Senators Carpenter, Dills, Lagomarsino, Richardson, Wentworth:

Dear Sirs,

For 15 years I was employed by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, and witness the valiant efforts of dedicated, conscientious men attempt to protect this land of ours from being ravaged by selfish, unthinking people for their benefit only. With the public finally becoming aware of our ecological problems, perhaps now the sincere lovers of this land will receive more support.

This letter has nothing to do with conserving our soil, but saving the lives of our few remaining California mountain lions! The present policy of Fish and Game "management" has been proven to be NOT effective and other measures must be taken. These priceless animals have a $1.00 hunting tag placed between them and anyone with a gun.

Must it be necessary to show my grandchildren a picture of what the California mountain

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Yes, readers, there is a Virginia

May 20, 1971

Dear Editor:

My daddy always tells me that if you see it in The Montclarion it's so, but I hate to tell you that the picture you show is the Berkeley Rose Garden.

However, as long as love and TRUTH continue to exist in the hearts of men, so shall both the Oakland and Berkeley rose gardens continue to exist.

Sincerely, your friend,

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DIRECT DIALING HAS BROUGHT MORE OBSCENE PHONE CALLS

Years ago many of the telephones made by other than Ma Bell had a feature called "last party release." With this feature, the connecting circuit was not released until both parties hung up. This meant that a person receiving an obscene phone call would just leave their phone off the hook (which kept the circuit intact) while they went next door to call the phone company. The company could then trace the call.

I checked with one of the manufacturers to see why this could not be put on all telephones. He replied that when direct distance dialing was started such a feature produced excessive overcharges to the caller when the person receiving the call failed to hang up his receiver at the end of their call. When this became apparent the telephone industry standardized the system whereby the calling party controls the disconnection.

However, one non - Bell equipment manufacturer, Stromberg-Carlson, is providing in their Electronic Switching center, the capability, when a person is plagued by such calls, to record the calling number if from the same exchange; or the calling exchange if from outside. Too bad Pacific Telephone doesn't buy some equipment from Stromberg-Carlson.

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It seems, if you truly love birds, you will accept the fact this is now a populated area.

supervised. I only wish I could applaud the training of the dogs, cats and children who live nearby.

If there should be some state or city control on cats, as some of your readers suggest, I propose it NOT be a licensing fee. Better it be a misdemeanor charge for harboring un-neutered animals kept as pets, as opposed to animals kept for controlled breeding for which there might be a demand!

V. JOAN WORLEY
Aspinwall road

Two views on the rose garden:

Prize jewel

Oakland City Council
Councilmen:

I object to any alleged plans to remove the Morcom Rose garden from its present location, to make the Rose garden site available for any high rise or other development, or to make any drastic budget cut toward the maintenance of the Rose garden.

The residential and business areas around the Rose garden are going through a process of change. The businesses on Grand Avenue are growing and prospering; single-family houses are being replaced by apartment buildings. The increased density one may expect from this growth will certainly require the continuance of the Morcom Rose garden in its present location. The survey to measure Rose garden use undertaken recently by the Parks and Recreation department was most inept and ill-timed. It was done just after the rose bushes at the garden had been pruned. This is like measuring the use of a business district at three in the morning. This survey should not be considered an important source of information on the Rose garden.

One should also remember that the Rose garden is not the kind of open space where a family spends the entire day. It is a place for Oakland residents to take short strolls, a stopover for tourists from other parts of the bay area as well as other parts of the world. It is perfect for the neighborhood children, away from the noise and dangers of our car-filled streets in the afternoon hours. The children love the roses as much as do their elders. It is my opinion that the Rose garden is far more frequented than those who wish to remove it or destroy it are willing to survey for themselves.

The Morcom Rose garden suffers from two disadvantages which can be rectified: First, there has not been sufficient publicity to encourage use of the Rose garden. That is the fault of all of us. Certainly through personal advertisement and publicity transmitted from our city agencies to the residents, the Rose garden will be visited by more poeple, if that is what is needed to save it. Second, there is insufficient automobile parking for Rose garden visitors. The social education of most people has not yet evolved to the stage where they would think of parking at the ample parking spaces along Grand avenue and walking the short block to the garden. Certainly a simple sign – "Ample parking along Grand avenue for visitors to the Rose Garden" - could be posted at the Jean street entrance, if this is what is needed to get more visitors to the garden. I hope you will recall that one must usually park his car at a distance from a great many of Oakland's recreational areas. One walks quite a distance from the parking lot at Lake Temescal to the lake itself. The walk from the parking strip to Fairyland is at least the equivalent of two blocks. Lack of parking is a very poor excuse for eliminating the Rose garden from its present location.

The fact of having the Morcom Rose garden, even if one visits it only rarely – the comforting knowledge that IT IS THERE in the magnificent amphitheater of land which contains it – is, I realize, not sufficient reason for its remaining. Cities at this point in history cannot afford such luxuries, I am afraid. But certainly many people think about the Rose garden in this way, and it is a point of view we must not discredit or ignore.

Last, and at this time in May most important, as the issue of Hellman park appears on the agenda of city council meetings, I DEMAND that the future of the Rose garden in no way be related to, lumped with, or determined according to decisions made on Hellman park. I will make very sure that Hellman park and the Morcom Rose garden remain separate issues at all city council meetings, of that you can be sure.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please cease any alleged negotiations to sell the land on which the Morcom Rose garden thrives. It is the prize jewel among all the parks which make Oakland such an incomparable place to live.

(MRS.) BARBARA E. COOK

Is it worth it?

Editor:

Attached is notice of the Hellman Park - Dunsmuir House Corporation meeting May 26 at the Garden center. We will probably have some open discussion of the rose garden as well as the proposed Hellman park.

I have been fairly close to the Rose garden attendance surveys. I have heard no hint of any actual "sell" moves. The attendance records have led the park and recreation department to wonder if selling might be the only practical answer.

Total Oakland taxpayer attendance is probably under 1,000 per year. This figures out to about $55.00 per year per person cost. Except for Mother's day the attendance has been half or more from out of town – principally Piedmont residents.

The next factor is that a section of the Rose garden is within the Piedmont city limits. By state law Oakland pays Piedmont approximately $700 per year taxes for the privilege of growing a rose garden for them.

As an Oakland taxpayer I suspect that I am not getting my money's worth on the Rose garden. Some of the loudest screams have come from property owners who adjoin the garden. They have the major benefit but I doubt if they are willing to pick up a major part of the $55,000 cost.

I have requested some specific facts and figures on the Rose garden and hope to have them available at the May 26 regular meeting of the Garden center.

LLOYD L. ISENHOUR
Bellevue Avenue

(Editor's Note: Readers interested in the committee, which intends to do "whatever is necessary to establish the Hellman estate as a park area" may call Mr. Isenhour at 465-0469.)

Wrong side?

Editor:

Would like more news of city-wide social concerns if both sides are given and not just a biased report. Respect your views but think a neighborhood paper should have both sides.

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Letters to the editor

No way to save a city

Editor:

Talking just now to an official high in city hall ranks we were told it was useless to try to save the Rockridge branch library from extinction unless we could get lots of people to come to the council meeting on the budget.

We pointed out that this wasn't easy since Oakland citizens don't feel that city hall is sensitive to their needs and wishes.

He said complacently, "Well, it's true we don't pay any attention to a vocal minority." "You mean Big Brother knows best?" we asked. "That's about it," he said.

Even so, we'd rather belong to a 'vocal minority' than to the even smaller 'silent minority' who run Oakland while living in Piedmont and elsewhere.

And saving a city isn't done by closing libraries.

MR. & MRS. W. SHATTUCK
Contra Costa road

Disaster

Editor:

It is my understanding that because of budget cuts, three (3) teachers will be cut from the Glenview elementary school faculty.

Our society is becoming more complex daily. If my children's education suffers as a result of an overcrowded classroom, how will they possibly be prepared for future years.

My husband works hard to provide a better life for us and yet taxes are getting larger and absorbing more of our income all the time. You would think that education would flourish as a result of such tax increases.

When you start economizing with children's education you can only end up with a disaster!

MRS. PAUL J. LOAR
E. 36th street

Rose lovers need to park, too

Mr. Arnold Johnson
Engineering Department
City of Oakland
Dear Mr. Johnson:

May I recommend for your consideration the institution of two-hour parking on Jean street at the Rose garden circle, one block above Grand avenue.

The circle curb is presently painted red – no parking – at the entrance to a PUBLIC garden on a street which has very limited parking available. The upper part of Jean street is restricted to parking on one side, driveways are numerous, and visitor parking is often impossible.

The Jean street entrance to the Rose garden is the only reasonably level entrance available to elderly and handicapped garden visitors. Many Jean street residents make their driveways available to chagrined strangers, but graciousness alone cannot accommodate the many people who would like to enjoy Oakland's beautiful Rose garden.

Your positive action in making available at least some limited parking will be much appreciated by residents, local visitors and tourists.

DOROTHY HUNDT
(Mrs. J. R. Hundt)
Jean Street

Why bonds fail

Editor:

Anent the present issue of the two-thirds majority on bond issues.

There is much wailing on the part of those who ask for this tax money because the paying citizen has been hesitant to put his dollars on the line whenever asked. This reluctance goes deeper than mere parsimony or stubborness or lack of interest in our children's education.

I recall the budget of 1920 of the University of California of about $20 million which has grown to hundreds of millions now with the citizens always responding. Likewise our local school districts disburse millions for grade and high schools.

Two things happened. One has been the influx of millions into our state from other states who with their children have peopled (to overflowing) our classrooms. New York and other states have the same experience in carrying an unjust load in education. For this reason the taxpayer feels that federal taxes derived from all states should bear part of this burden.

The more immediate thing that happens locally is a lack of confidence in those who are part of the school system. The disturbances in the schools, the antics of teacher unions in setting examples of power politics to our children, and finally in the lack of deep-seated local leadership.

Where are our pioneer family descendants who could speak for the good of our city? Are they in the suburbs in another county? So many of the candidates we are asked to vote for have just recently immigrated to our state.

When people who have roots in Oakland see the real need and are convinced that future bond issues will really improve our schools then bonds for safe buildings and down - to - earth education by dedicated instructors will be forthcoming.

W.G.P. BLUMERT

Yes & no

Editor:

(1) I like the news about what's happening in the various neighborhood areas.

(2) I dislike the "peevishness" that prevails in some of the personal columns.

MARGARET POWER
Balboa drive

Cat sense

Editor:

In reply to the letter in The Montclarion on May 17, following your editorial on Oakland's nuisance ordinance, I wish to say that I was present at that Monday committee meeting when cat trapping was discussed. It was the consensus of opinion that this is illegal.

The disapproving murmur which ran through the audience proved how people in general feel about a citizen who would stoop so low as to trap her neighbors' pets. Traps baited with tuna or meat with a pungent scent will attract even well-fed, home loving cats who would otherwise probably not go to that particular yard.

If the ordinance reads that yard invaders may be caught but not injured, how would you construe the acceptance of trapped cats by the pound with no questions asked and the ultimate destruction of said cats after four days? And if the owner is fortunate enough to arrive and find his cat before the executioner does his work he must pay $6 for his stolen pet.

There is little or no cat placement now because of the state law that no cat may be sold without payment of a veterinarian's spaying or neutering fee plus a small charge to the shelter.

With the exorbitant charges by most veterinarians poor people can no longer afford a pet. What we need is a low cost clinic such as Los Angeles where people with modest incomes can take their animals for spaying and neutering (as well as treatment).

This would help to cure the population explosion and would reduce the number of stray and unwanted animals. It would also alleviate the wear and tear on the nerves of citizens who feel no compassion for lost, bewildered and hungry animals.

Kudos to the lady who defended the cats. My compliments to her for her humanitarian instincts.

MRS. MILDRED W. WAGNER
Grisborne street

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Editor:

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Monday, April 21, 1971

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A troubled neighborhood asks planners for help

By PEGGY STINNETT

The Elmhurst district in Oakland is a troubled community.

Schools are woefully overcrowded. There's no place for children to play except in the streets. The elderly are fearful of the ways of the young. Many middle class homeowners look down on the ways of welfare mothers in public housing.

Just about the only hopeful thing that can be said about the Elmhurst district is that the people there recognize they have a critical problem and are trying to do something about it.

People who poured out their feelings to city planning commissioners last Wednesday night at a special meeting, generally see the problem as one of density. Too many people in an area without adequate public facilities such as schools, parks and recreation centers.

The planning commissioners were asked to "down zone" large portions of the area to call a halt to multiple dwellings which have impacted Elmhurst district schools and spoiled the quality of life.

Specifically, their request is to rezone the area which is generally bordered by MacArthur blvd., San Leandro city limit line, G street and 85th avenue.

Most of the speakers asked for single family zoning of properties now zoned R-50 which permits apartments. If they can't get the single family zone, at least they want some "down zoning" of approximately 17 blocks which are now R-50. The answer may lie in creation of a new zoning.

Residents who spoke believe the "down zoning" will stem the influx of more people into an area already impacted.

The meeting was held at E. Morris Cox school on Sunnyside street where 1500 children are enrolled. It is larger than any of the city's junior high schools. The playgrounds are covered with portable buildings and next fall more will be added. The school was built for 800; 10 years ago that's where its enrollment stood.

Mrs. Pauline Goetz, president of the E. Morris Cox PTA, who has spearheaded the request to the planning commission, told of how the move got started.

Concerns of many parents led the school to form a zoning task force of the schools' master plan committee. The committee persuaded the planning department to make a study of the area.

"From the first, we were concerned about the schools, the increase in robberies, the constant harassment of some of the senior citizens in our neighborhood. We became aware that some senior citizens we knew personally were being shot at, their yards trespassed, that rocks and missiles were thrown at them. Their property was being destroyed . . . .

"We know of old people, confined to their homes, who were sitting looking out their windows because they couldn't get outside and youngsters we could identify as from nearby apartments would turn the water hose against their windows and use vile language just to upset the old folks."

Mrs. Goetz said she was not "pointing a finger of fault" to the young families. "I know from personal experience that when you have a family of little children you move to where you can get in. No one wants you."

Admittedly, said Mrs. Goetz, Oakland's housing is inadequate. "But whenever too many families are crowded together, problems arise. It's not entirely the children's fault nor the parents' fault. It's a fact of life that apartment dwellers are subject to move when their income or their family increases, creating a mobile social scene."

She said one teacher she had talked to had only 11 of the original members of her class left at the end of this school year, an example of the "turnover" of residents.

"The mobility of the residents means neighbors don't ever become good neighbors with a feeling of responsibility toward the children and the property," said Mrs. Goetz.

Still another problem with new apartment houses concerns taxes, she said. When new buildings go into the neighborhood the assessed valuation of existing homes goes up, and of course so do the taxes.

The principal of E. Morris Cox school, Robert Thorup, said he has 24 classes on double session and it appears to him that "children have become secondary to apartment developers."

"Our children do not have equal opportunity," said Thorup. "We have double recesses, double lunches, the bells ring twice as much and just feeding them has become a problem."

"But mostly I'm concerned with the emotional climate because of the congestion. The children go to pieces at the slightest provocation."

Thorup said he has 398

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Skillful maneuver of Councilman Binns

A lame duck can carry a flagpole

Lame Duck Councilman Harvey Binns called a story in the June 16 issue of The Montclarion "bad reporting" last week because it said Councilman George Vukasin is not a member of the ways and means committee.

Binns explained he was "only carrying the flagpole" for City Manager Jerome Keithley who was not at the meeting.

In making his comments, Binns disclosed a fact until then not public, which is that Mayor John Reading appointed Vukasin to the ways and means committee on May 25, five days after the election in which Binns was defeated. (Councilman - elect John Sutter takes office July 1.)

No public announcement has ever been made of the appoint...

on May 20. I personally asked the mayor two days after the election that I thought it would be for the best interests of the city, which I think all the councilmen got a letter on, that because whoever was on the ways and means committee, which also substitutes as a budget committee sometimes, it would be better persons on there that have to live with it and the mayor agreed and immediately appointed Mr. Vukasin on the ways and means committee. So I think I am just carrying the flagpole for Mr. Keithley regarding this bad reporting."

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Troubled neighborhood asks planning help

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children from turnkey housing in the area; 40 children come from one address.

David Melander, a parent in the area who is a probation officer, told the commission the density creates an "emotional atmosphere."

Chairman of the planning commission, Bestor Robinson asked if Melander thought there was a higher incidence of juvenile delinquency from apartments than from single family homes.

of pointing to the "quality" of people or individuals but rather high density reduced the quality of the environment. "There is less and less ability to be alone with yourself and your family, which contributes to juvenile delinquency."

Some of the speakers favored tearing down the turnkey housing which has been built in the area. They said they weren't "faulting" the children, but their parents.

Mrs. Frances Porter, social worker, described the problem as one of people of different life styles being thrown together in close quarters.

One speaker drew groans of disapproval from the audience when he blamed the school district for not providing adequate buildings. Walt Taylor, a real estate developer, said the schools should acquire property by condemnation and construct new buildings.

He felt there must be more housing and more schools to solve the problem.

Planning commission chairman Bestor Robinson warned the residents at the close of the public hearing, "Unless we get support from the public we'll get no place with the city council."

He suggested the people make the same kind of presentation to the council as was made that night, otherwise developers would persuade councilmen to their side.

"You're bringing out the penalties of more population," he told the people. "The problem Oakland must face is — do we want a bigger city or a better city?"

He said he had always opposed public housing except for a "bare minimum." "The best way to produce good citizens is to get as close as we can to 100% home ownership."

Lawrence Joyner of the East Oakland - Fruitvale planning council disagrees with the proposal to zone down to single family. He would prefer to see a program of rehabilitation and expansion of existing 40 year old homes in the area in order to accommodate larger families.

With the great need for housing in Oakland, Joyner would like to see the zoning reduced but only to R-40 which permits two-family dwellings for every 5000 square feet of lot and an additional unit for each additional 2500 square feet.

Joyner does not agree that apartments and turnkey housing, per se, are undesirable. Rather, he says, there is no on-site management of the buildings which leads to the problems which have developed in Elmhurst.

After all, he points out, in other areas of the city where the density is even greater due to apartments and even high rise, such problems don't exist because those apartments have on-site management.

There is a pending proposal from the planning staff to create a new zoning to be called R-35 which would be very much the same as the old "B" zoning which permitted duplexes and two-family. R-35 would permit two-family structures on lots with a minimum of 4,000 square feet.

The planning staff has set a target date of June 21 to complete its report on the Elmhurst rezoning and June 28 as the date to submit the report to the planning commission.

As soon as the staff report is complete, additional meetings will be held with residents, according to Alex Zuckerman of the planning staff.

At the June 28 meeting, the public hearing on the Elmhurst rezoning will continue and the commission will also hear opinions of the proposal to create the new R-35 zoning regulation.

There is no projection on when the planning commission will make its recommendation but after it does, the real test will take place before the city council.

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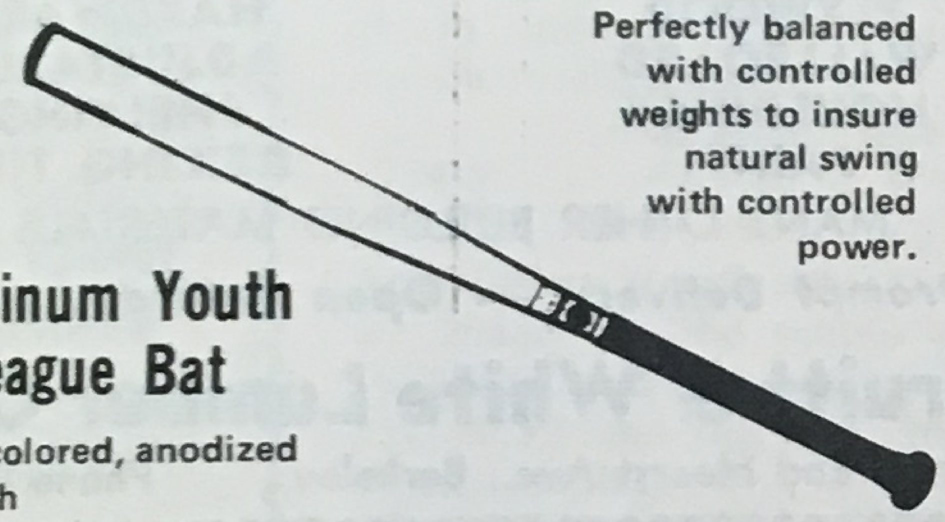

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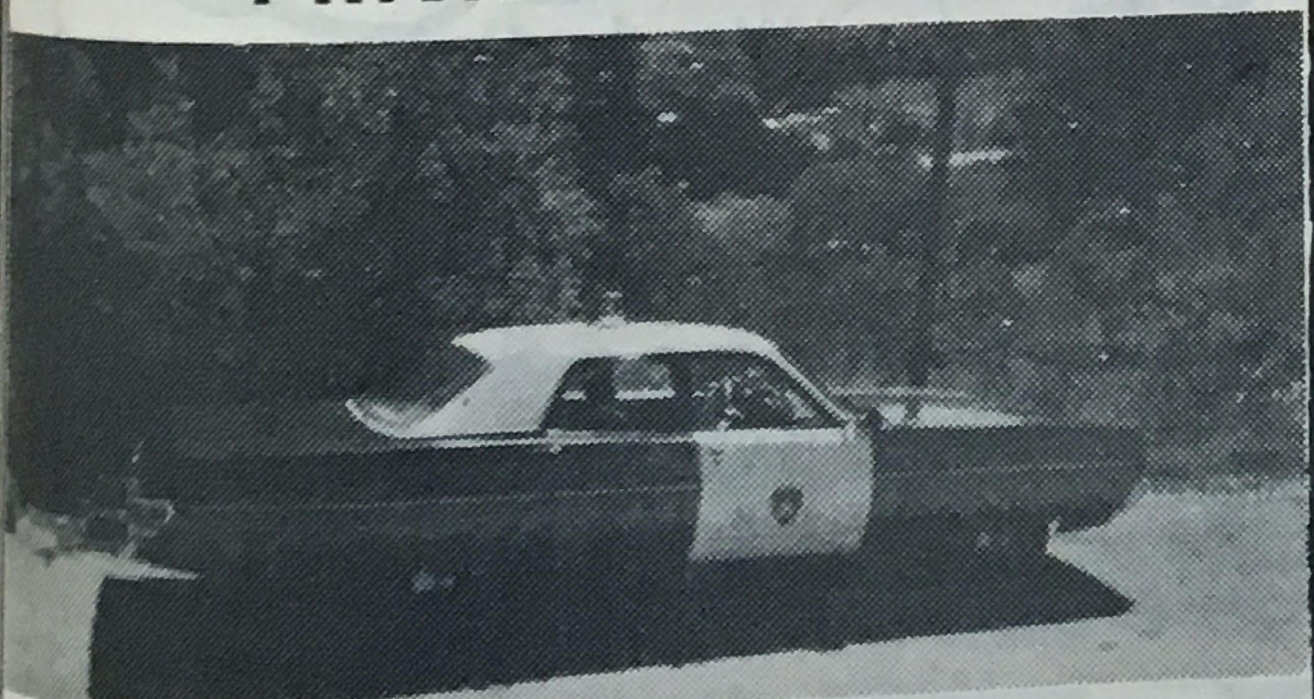

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1757 Mountain blvd., Montclair School. Removed pane from front door, loss unknown.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

4200 block Harbord drive. Forced garage door, took air compressor, hoses, 2 guns, 3 tips, miscellaneous power tools, tool box and contents.

(Crime of the week: female suspect, aged 25-30, entered unlocked front door on Ivy drive, took one pack cigarettes.)

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Skyline thespi

Skyline high school's drama department, Thespian Troupe 2316, has been invited to participate in the American festival in Britain sponsored by Restoration Arts theater, Inc.

The play they will perform for three weeks from June 25 through July 15 is Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park." The cast includes Rhonda Wenger, Rob

Neft, Shir Schweickha and Kevin will be six director, R and Skylin Swanson.

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SKYLINE HIGH'S "Barefoot in the Park" left to right — Shirley Levinson, Lorraine B Neft. Middle row: Sue Black, Suzanne Hub Day. Front row: Jamie Gardner, Kurt Sc Rhonda Wenger (female lead), and Beth Gil

Planning heari Montclair's 'or

The Oakland planning commission will hold a public hearing at 1:30 pm Wednesday, June 23, on the application of C. B. Wiborg to rezone to commercial three vacant parcels at the intersection of Colton and Mountain blvds.

The properties are now zoned single family and have a total 170-foot frontage. In the past the property has been subject to frequent sliding.

Wiborg does not disclose what he has in mind for the property if the planning commission

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Corrections

To err is human dept.

Last week's issue of The Montclarion contained a number of small mistakes, which we hereby attempt to rectify:

In the picture on page 3, we neglected to mention that the Teen Job bureau in all its helpful facets is sponsored by the Montclair Junior Women's club, an unfortunate omission since the good junior women put forth a lot of effort on the project.

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Letters to the editor

State should pay its share

Editor:

Today (June 23) while your readers see this issue of The Montclarion, many of our fellow citizens are in Sacramento meeting with our elected state officials and talking about school finances.

Most of us realize that our local school districts depend on local property tax and state aid as the main sources of income to pay for the costs of education. (A very small part of the cost is paid by money from federal funds.)

Many of us may not realize that the share of costs paid by the state has been getting smaller over the years while the local property taxpayer has paid a larger and larger share of our local school district's expenses. The facts we have been able to obtain indicate that Oakland schools received this:

	local taxes	state aid
1954-55	47.7%	47.4%
1970-71	69.8%	26.8%

And unless significant changes are made for the school year 1971-72, local property tax will pay 70.5% and the state 26.3% of the total bill.

Our fellow citizens who are in Sacramento today are talking with the delegation of senators and assemblymen from Alameda county – expressing the concern of some citizens about money needed from the state, and asking those elected officials to urge their fellow senators and assemblymen to plan for providing significant support of our schools. Some of us signed a petition that is being presented groups make appointments and talk with our legislators in Sacramento. We can attend public hearings and state our viewpoints regarding state help in providing adequate, dependable money to assure good quality education for our children.

We must act, as responsible citizens, if the democratic process is to work. We must participate to prevent taxation without representation of our values and concerns.

I urge your readers who have not participated to date to join in the efforts being taken by fellow citizens such as those working on the Master Plan Citizens Committee, Task Force on School Finances.

MURIEL SCHNAYER
(Mrs. Irving Schnayer)
Snake road

Nil who?

Editor:

The many letters published in this column decrying your political bias amuse me.

Granted, there do seem to be more ads on the left side of the page than on the right. I also remember seeing mention of a left wing in the classified. It was for a '49 Ford!

Nil Carborundum Illegitimi. Right on!

G. ARLEN
Aspinwall road

Clarifying

Editor:

I would like to clarify some items printed in an article "Trouble in Paradise," bylined Sue Soennichsen, May 26, 1971.

Number 1: "Last winter sheriff's deputies 'busted' a large number of students at a school dance." This incident as reported did not occur at a college-sponsored function. To my knowledge no "bust" has ever been made or reported by sheriff's deputies at any college-sponsored dance or activity.

Number 2: "Mrs. Jones complained of the attitude of a deputy at a recent student dance." I do not recall "complaining," as implied by the writer. The purpose of the discussion was to illustrate that cooperative attitudes and relationships do exist.

Since that last dance sponsored by the college was free, and open to all members of the community, two deputies were employed by the college to assist with traffic control, as well as with other problems when and if needed or requested by the faculty chaperones. After this arrangement was discussed with the deputies employed, there was complete understanding and cooperation.

In all instances, in my experience, when working with the deputies at college sponsored functions, there has been cooperation, understanding and mutual respect. On several occasions the deputy employed was most helpful in assisting students with special lighting effects.

Efforts are constantly being made by both students and deputies to increase the understanding and acceptance of life styles and backgrounds that are so frequently misunderstood.

Thank you for your cooperation.

MRS. CATHERINE M. JONES
Counselor, Feather
River college

Rose parking, pt. 2

Mrs. J. R. Hundt
686 Jean Street
Dear Mrs. Hundt:

I am writing in reply to your letter of June 7 requesting additional parking on Jean street at the entrance to the Oakland municipal rose garden.

As you know, this is the main entrance to our rose garden and the circular area is used as a passenger drop-off for elderly and infirm persons. In addition, by keeping this area free of parked vehicles, the entrance is much nicer and adds to the beauty of the rose garden. In discussing this matter with Mr. Jay Ver Lee, director of the parks and recreation department, he advises that ample parking is available at the upper end of the garden on Oakland and Olive avenues, and their department advertises this fact to visitors whenever possible.

I realize that the problem on Jean street will probably continue due to the steep topography at the upper end of the garden and that unfortunately there will still be congestion in the vicinity of your residence. If additional off-street parking could be made available, the city of course would be interested. However, our survey indicates that this does not seem to be feasible.

Thank you for inquiring into this matter.

Very truly yours,
ARNOLD A. JOHNSON
Traffic Engineer and
Director of Parking

Keep it up

Editor:

I depend on The Montclarion for comprehensive local coverage. I don't know how you keep up with everything from anti-smoking to city council meetings – but please keep it up.

RICHARD L. TASSAN
Leimert blvd.

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Editor:

More information about city hall and government functioning. As previous health officer in Oakland, I know how it is – needs coverage!

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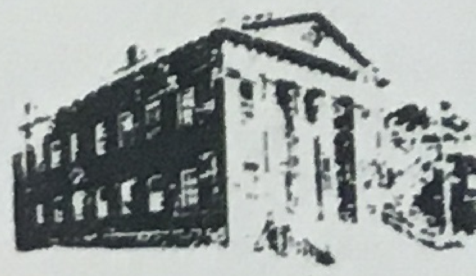
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City employees threaten strike

By PEGGY STINNETT

membership meeting called this week by Local 390, ed Public Employees, will e if 800 of the city's niformed employees strike

secretary of the labor council, called the action a breach of faith and labeled the agreement a "sweetheart deal." "As we were waiting to come in the

assistant city manager and head of the negotiating team, announced that a memo of agreement had been signed by the OMSCEA that afternoon and asked the council to adopt the

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Mayor Reading warned that unless the council took action that night the pay increases could not be made effective July

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reported to be only a few inches deep in many spots and the mud is a hazard to boaters.

Opposition to Montclair rezoning

Opposition was raised by Montclair businessmen to the proposed rezoning of three vacant parcels at Mountain and Colton blvds. from single family to commercial during a planning commission public hearing last week.

C. B. Wiborg, joined by Sam Weiss and Paul Coopersmith, seek to rezone the property, calling it the "Orphan Annie" of Montclair Village.

Victor Steppan, member of the Montclair off-street parking commission, objected that the parcels are not contiguous to the Village since they are separated by the old railroad right-of-way.

Neither are the parcels included in the off-street parking district, said Steppan, which means they would not pay into the fund but would be reaping its benefits.

He also said a portion of the land is earmarked for a large cut in order to build an access road for the Shepherd canyon freeway when and if it is built.

Daniel Haskins, representing the Montclair Business association, told commissioners the Village does not have enough parking for employees now and the new commercial zoning would create a greater hardship.

Joining the protestants was George A. Sturtevant, who owns the Lucky parking lot property. "Approving the application would be handing out a blank check. We don't even know if it's feasible to build on the property."

Sturtevant said he would prefer to look at the property as it is than the kind of commercial building that might be built there.

(In recent years, the property has been subject to persistent sliding.)

Sturtevant said Montclair is struggling with a tremendous parking problem and he fears the time may be "limited" on how long he can supply free parking in the Lucky lot.

"More commercial zoning is not desirable at this time. There are vacancies in the offices and small stores come and go when they fail. There are too many small stores and too little parking."

Mrs. Lorna Jones, resident of Magellan drive, a former planning commissioner and chairman of the urban design committee for OCCUR, said it appears the property has changed hands so many times it is "subsidizing realtors."

"And we still don't know if it is developable."

"It's the camel getting its nose in the tent routine," said Mrs. Jones.

She suggested the planners draw up criteria for properties such as this piece and those in the Wilshire Heights landslide area to determine "when property is not developable and a hazard to the community." Another example of such marginal property would be in the McKillop slide area, she pointed out.

Actually, said Mrs. Jones, the

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Pardon my glove

By FRED GRAESER

GOOD THINGS

A critic of this newspaper viewed a front page of recent date and decided we were very

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officials.

Rezoning opposed

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best solution for the parcels fronting on Mountain blvd. would be for the city to take it over and plant willow trees. "It might not be developed as a park but it may be of greater use to all people that way."

Bert Ricketts, who is a nearby neighbor to the property, said "creeping rezoning is a bad thing." "I hate to see the business district come any further toward the residential," he said.

He charged that "Rezoning is like a crap shooting game. If you can get it rezoned, you can get more money for it."

Planning Commission Chairman Bestor Robinson told Ricketts, "Property owners have rights to develop their land. Do you think this suitable for single family?"

"I don't think anything will stick there," Ricketts replied.

Speaking on behalf of the rezoning, Tony Magennis, a Montclair realtor, said he had watched the hill slide for many years and had often wondered why it wasn't developed commercially.

"Some people will oppose this because it competes with Montclair businesses. It's not isolated from the business district – it is logically contiguous to it. Besides, only federal public housing would be economically feasible for that property."

The application was referred to the planning staff with Chairman Robinson directing that information on the possible future road be obtained. Staff also was directed to find out if there is a way to force the property owners to contribute to the parking district in the event the application is granted.

The zoning matter will come up again before the commission on July 7 when a decision will be made by commissioners.

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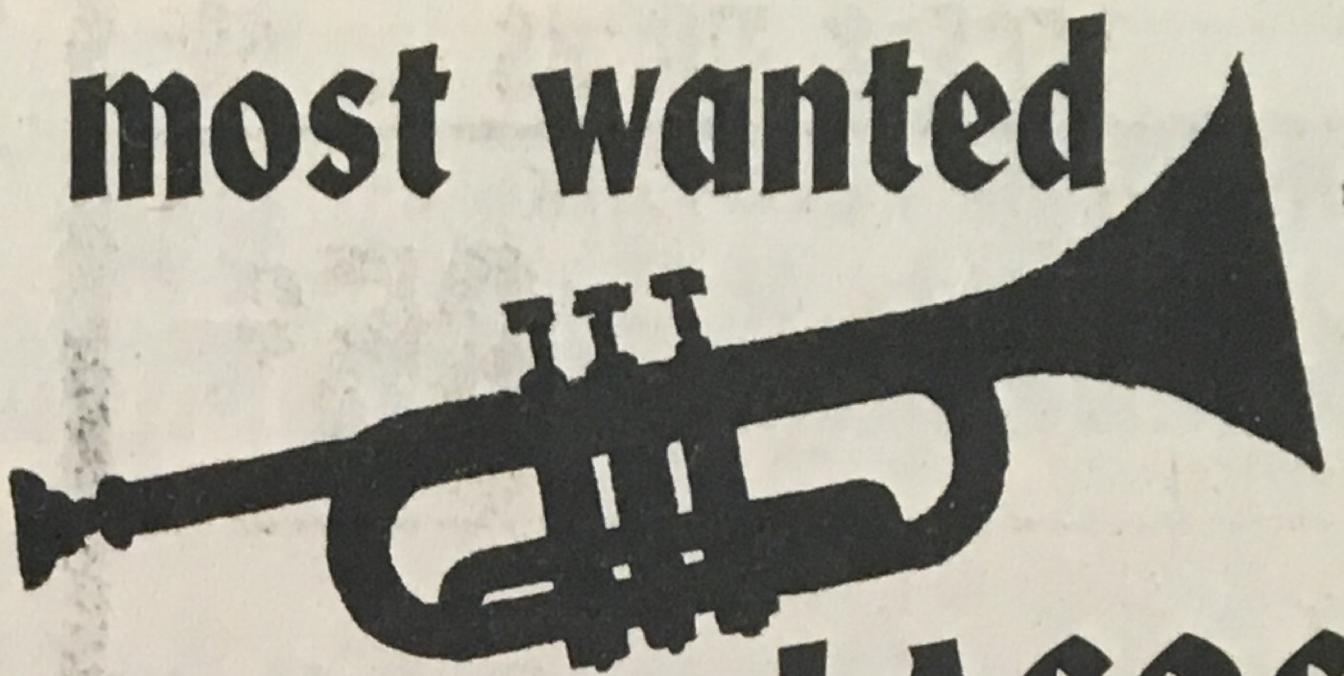

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Need for ramps for physically handicapped

A startling irony marked the arrival of three physically handicapped students for a city council work session in city hall last week.

The three students, two of them in wheel chairs, laboriously negotiated three or four marble steps in order to attend the meeting called to discuss architectural barriers to the physically handicapped in downtown Oakland.

Their spokesman in the meeting with the civic action committee was Edward J. Santos, who has been trying for weeks to get a meeting with councilmen.

The request seemed reasonably simple. The physically handicapped would like some ramps on Broadway, at intersections and to and from elevator entrances to BART stations on Broadway and others in the city.

Santos explained that the ramps are best when cutaway at strategic places because frequently it is impossible to get wheelchairs over the curb.

He asked for a council resolution assuring a city policy on the request and pointed out that San Francisco has passed such a resolution. Berkeley has already built the necessary ramps along Telegraph avenue Larry Langdon, one of the students, pointed out.

Director of Public Works James McCarty said the city already has plans to move on such a project and he could not understand just exactly what Santos wanted from the city.

"Mr. Santos thinks these things should be done tomorrow but it will take six months or so to do this," said McCarty, indicating that the work was going to be coordinated with the BART station construction. "So far, the problems with BART have not been resolved," said McCarty.

Besides, he added, the city should not go out and build ramps "everyplace." "We must be careful not to create new obstacles for the blind, for example."

McCarty said plans are to build six ramps initially, costing about $100 apiece. Cost of the ramps goes up depending on whether there are sidewalk basements involved, fire plugs, street signs, etc., McCarty noted. Sometimes they cost several thousand dollars where there are such problems, he said.

In summary, said McCarty, he doesn't know how fast the city can build the ramps and what the costs will be.

City Councilman John Sutter suggested Santos and his group review what the city plans to do and make recommendations.

Councilman Raymond Eng thought the ramping idea a good one. "It's good for business because it brings more people into the stores."

Councilman Josh Rose said he would propose a resolution putting the city on record as favoring the ramping. Sutter suggested the ramping be provided in all new street construction including the city's other shopping districts.

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For whom are the freeways free?

OCCUR seeks an 'Oakland first' city policy on freeway construction

by Peggy Stinnett

If the city council adopts a policy proposed by Oakland Citizens for Urban Renewal (OCCUR) all future freeways in the city will serve Oakland's needs, not those of the suburbs.

OCCUR has asked the council to oppose all new freeway construction which might increase existing city problems unless they have "compensating" benefits to the city.

William Morrish, chairman of OCCUR, and Mrs. Lorna Jones, chairman of the OCCUR urban design committee, presented the proposed policy at a special meeting with the council last week.

They pointed out in their resolution that Oakland may be "sacrificed" for the commuting convenience of suburban dwellers of the bay area.

"In order for residents to have a greater share of job opportunities in Oakland and to prevent further destruction and isolation of Oakland's neighborhoods, which presently have weak physical identities, and in order to give BART an opportunity to have a substantial impact on transportation patterns, the city council should adopt some 'traffic goals'," said OCCUR.

Alternatives could be found to freeways by use of parkways and landscaped arterials. Any new construction would primarily serve Oakland residents and be beneficial to their job opportunities. The construction would not destroy or disrupt neighborhoods or impose barriers between neighborhoods or separate people from the waterfront, said OCCUR.

The plan would create a task force on transportation representing government, economic and community interests which would study and recommend a new "traffic-ways" plan by June 1972.

The most controversial recommendation from OCCUR asked that the council oppose the construction of the southern crossing with an eye to reevaluating the policy after BART has been operating for two years.

Mrs. Jones told the council the resolution pertains primarily to commuter traffic. She pointed out there are 33 miles of freeway in Oakland which represents a large amount of property off the tax rolls.

"We are concerned that we don't provide crosstown traffic just so Moraga people can get to San Francisco," she said.

Mayor John Reading said the OCCUR suggestions seem to be working against "what we're trying to do." "The major growth has occurred outside the city and employment is a big problem. It's a major hurdle for a person who may work in Milpitas to get there."

Besides, said the mayor, the automobile is the greatest pride for many people who don't have much else.

"We're working hard to make Oakland a central shopping district in the city center and if we don't provide transportation then City center is doomed to failure," said Reading.

As for the southern crossing, the mayor admitted "It's true, Oakland is one of few who support it."

Morrish replied, "I wouldn't want to believe our goals are different from the council. The key consideration is the cost relation. What does it do for Oakland? Are there real job opportunities? If there are, then those considerations would offset the others."

Mrs. Jones said the resolution speaks more to commuters than shoppers, although OCCUR is concerned about planning for the City center garage.

"We're trying to get more people into BART," she explained.

But the mayor was pessimistic about the ability of BART to woo people out of their cars.

"People think BART's a good idea for everyone else, but when it gets down to it, they would not ride it themselves. I just don't think we're going to get the American public out of their cars."

Mrs. Jones said another way to lessen the need for more freeways was to stagger working hours, but the mayor was equally pessimistic about that as an overall solution.

Councilman John Sutter said the policy statement doesn't say "Don't ever build another freeway."

"It says let's take a look before we pave Oakland from the bay to the hills just so we can get to the hills."

"There's no question we need freeways," said the mayor. "On the other hand if we talk about social consequences, the noise and the fumes, we should eliminate them."

OCCUR is urging the city council to adopt a comprehensive policy plan, including the resolution on traffic and others presented to the council, on Thursday, July 29.

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Do the people really want it?

Skyline blvd. widening project

Sometime in the future Skyline blvd., which winds around the top of the hill area, may become a four-lane "parkway."

Councilman John Sutter wants to know if the city is now acquiring property for a road which may have "substantial objection."

He raised the question last week when three items appeared on the council agenda relating to purchase of three lots along Skyline blvd. One was for $2,850, another for $4,200 and a third for $9,450.

Sutter said he understands the Skyline alignment project is an extension of the Skyline Parkway project which the county department of public works has taken under study.

"I understand there are lots of people who have serious objections," he said. "Some time in the future let's hear if we want to continue acquiring land for a road which may have substantial objection."

Mayor John Reading asked City Manager Jerome Keithley to prepare a report for the council.

Last December, John Wagers, an Oakland resident raised the same question before the council. At that time, the department of public works advised The Montclarion that the city had been acquiring the properties along Skyline for 15 years and about 75 percent of the right of way had been acquired.

James McCarty, director of public works, reported then that the road would be four lane and would link with the Skyline Parkway in southern Alameda county.

The city's department of public works has a sketch of the preliminary plan. The plan is not definite, however, since actual working drawings would not be made until federal funds become available for the construction.

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by PEGGY STINNETT

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Skyline parkway acquisition falters—then moves ahead

Mayor John Reading suggested holding up city purchase of two additional parcels of land along Skyline blvd. during last Thursday's city council meeting. The properties may be used for a widening project in the future.

But after a pitch from Director of Public Works James McCarthy, the mayor decided to move ahead on the purchases, after all.

The total cost of acquiring the two parcels in question was $8,050. The widening project may be constructed some day in the future with federal funds, or may never be built at all.

On the city council's agenda were two resolutions authorizing acquisition of properties on Skyline. One is 480 feet east of 7407 Skyline, for a sum of $4,600. Another is 880 feet east of 7407 Skyline, for a sum of $3,450.

Councilman John Sutter, who has raised questions about the widening project at past meetings, was not at the council session but Mayor Reading said he appreciated the feelings of a number of people who live in the area who object to the ultimate development of the parkway.

In view of their objections, he felt the city should reexamine the project and as an immediate step hold off approval of the acquisitions for 60 days.

His comments brought McCarty to his feet. He allowed that could be done but purchase of the properties is the only way to "protect" them from improvements.

To buy the properties after improvement would cost considerably more, he noted.

Mayor Reading asked if the city could get a 60-day option on the properties and suggested the items could be held off for a week while that possibility was investigated.

McCarty said if the road is to become a "scenic route" it is desirable not to have houses on Skyline blvd. which might "interfere with the view."

A discussion followed about whether the projected road is to be a four-lane road or a two-lane road.

Mayor Reading said information from McCarty's office given to him by one citizen indicated the road would be four-lane.

McCarty said the road would be four-lane from Joaquin Miller road to Grass Valley and portions of it through Piedmont Pines would be two lanes. (McCarty has said in the past it would be 60 feet wide.)

Mayor Reading said he'd forgotten the name of the woman who told him she was going to circulate a petition against the road, but would McCarty find her and go into detail with her because she may be "misinformed."

Mayor Reading then withdrew his objection to the two items. The other six councilmen present said absolutely nothing but went along with the affirmative vote.

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by PEGGY STINNETT

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Protests on huge development on Redwood road

In spite of protests from surrounding neighbors, that proposed development for a huge complex of townhouse residences just off Redwood road near Lincoln Square seems to be moving closer to reality.

The planning commission held a public hearing on Phase I of the planned unit development last week for the stated purpose of comparing the final plan for Phase I with the preliminary plan already approved.

The commission tried to restrain a number of speakers from expressing their views on the whole project but were largely unsuccessful.

Leon Seyrenian, speaking for Crestmont Homeowners, pointed out that at the public hearing on the preliminary plan he had stressed the proection of children crossing Redwood road and still "nothing has been done."

Besides, said Seyrenian, "If we had a choice we would like to see single family detached homes on the site."

There are no sidewalks at present on Redwood road, he said, and the development will generate more traffic, increasing the hazard to children.

At the previous hearing there was considerable discussion about building a pedestrian overpass but Seyrenian said "this is like talking about going to Venus."

Thomas Doctor of the planning staff said consideration of the overpass was to come when Phase II is up for approval.

As for the sidewalk, Commissioner Bestor Robinson suggested the Crestmont Homeowners should ask the department of public works to take on that project.

Herb Sandal of the Redwood Heights Improvement association also opposed the development.

"We want to keep our neighborhoods the way they are," he said. "We would like to see single family homes, detached and with setbacks, that are owned by the occupants, or if rented, maintained."

Sandal said he has written the mayor asking that single family zoning be restored and complaining that the area was not posted when the PUD ordinance was amended to include apartments in single family zoned areas.

Commission Chairman Jens Hansen told Sandal extensive hearings were held on the amendment to the PUD ordinance, and there was posting of the area as well as widespread publicity about it.

The Phase I project under consideration will have 100% fee ownership, representatives of Grubb and Ellis, the developer, assured the commission.

Still, the protest went on with Carl Olsen of Carmelo circle, saying, "We think the people in the hills should have the same right to a choice as those in Elmhurst." (Recently, the Elmhurst area was downzoned from apartment to single family at the request of residents.)

Bill Gilmore of Grubb and Ellis, disclosed that his firm plans a sidewalk on the entire length of Redwood road where the project touches. The remaining stretch of Redwood road is owned by a Jewish synagogue which has not been built yet.

Gilmore said Phase I probably will not generate many children for Munck school because only seven of the proposed 45 townhouses will have three bedrooms, the rest will have two.

If single family homes were built, all with three and four bedrooms, more children would be living in them, he noted.

The lowest priced home in the Phase I project will be $43,500, said Gilmore. Three bedroom homes will go for from $53,000

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...aggerty checked with the San Francisco OEP office the day following the board's special meeting and received the ruling.

At the special meeting last Wednesday, the board took several actions affecting the lunch program.

At the beginning of the meeting, Supt. Marcus Foster cautioned that "this kind of working session may leave the unfair impression that on the spot decisions will be made on feeding children from low socio-economic homes" but actually the board would only be studying recommendations.

However, at the end of almost two hours, the board did indeed take several steps which will affect the school lunch habits of children from low socio-economic homes.

One action will affect children who attend 18 target area schools where last year all youngsters were able to buy an "A" lunch for 10 cents.

The board was able to do this by classifying an entire school as eligible for the 10 cent lunch by virtue of its being

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predominantly, if not entirely, made up of kids from low income homes.

This program was partially funded with the special override local property tax which the board recently cut back from last year's 6.2 cents to 4.9 cents. The rest was funded by federal monies.

Youngsters who qualify for free lunches will receive them, under the federally funded free lunch program, but each child must be certified. Those who do not meet the criteria will pay the full 45 and 50 cents. The administration estimates a savings of $125,000 will result from the elimination of the 10 cent lunch. This will affect an estimated 40% of all children in target area schools.

The board also decided not to "liberalize" the free lunch scale, something it had planned to do before it cut back on the local override tax. By not "liberalizing" the criteria, the administration hopes to save another $50,000.

In still another action, the board reduced the number of emergency free lunch tickets from 45 a semester to an open ended number. The feeling was that youngsters who have 45 emergency situations a semester could most likely be put into the

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If negotiations succeed in the interim, the recommendations will be for ratification of a new agreement with the district. If not, the OEA board will suggest "alternative courses" of action. One could be a work stoppage.

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Protest on Redwood

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to $54,000. In Phase II, prices will range upwards to $60,000. The homes will have two separate walls and a high degree of sound control, said Gilmore.

Commission Chairman Hansen, himself an architect, said he was impressed with the plans and believes it will be "an extremely handsome development."

The commission approved the Phase I plans unanimously, agreeing to request the department of public works to survey and to determine the need for sidewalks on the west side of Redwood road and also the need for a pedestrian overpass for children.

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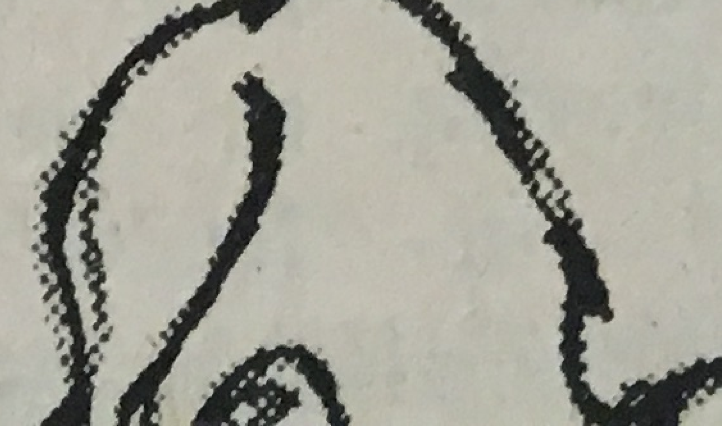

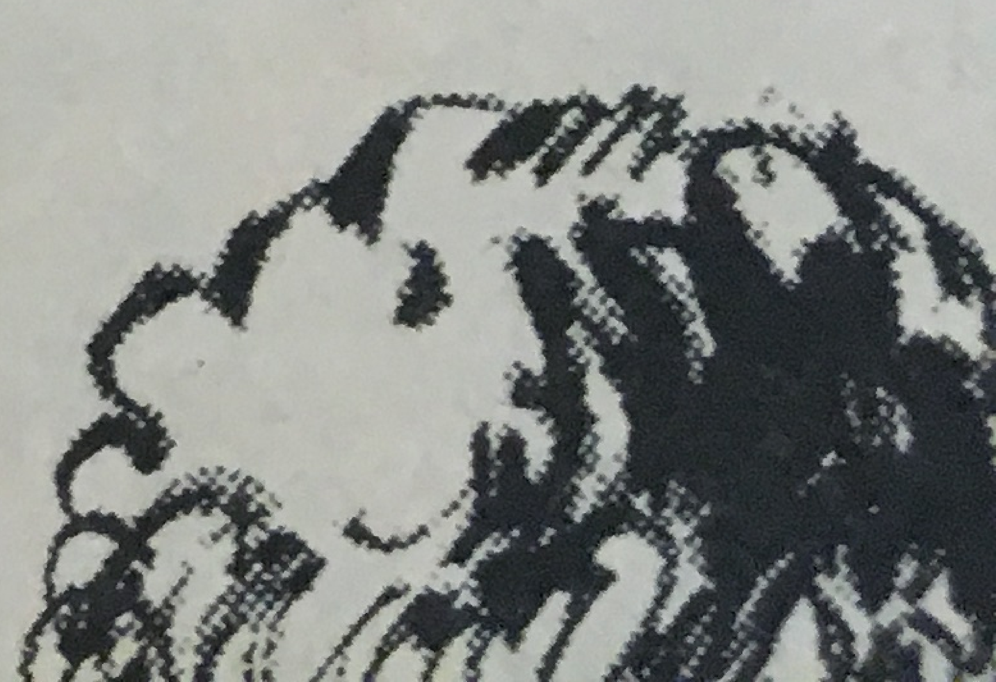

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John Stewart, another speaker. "I'm all in favor of them as a good investment."

Councilman John Sutter, who

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Keithley said if there had been no funds for the program, the police department budget would have been modified.

continues until about 10 or 11 pm. The new schedule calls for an earlier start in the morning and a continuous patrol until 1 am, or later if a serious incidence of crime needs attention, according to Chief Gain.

The 10 speed revolution

The bicycling councilman

During the next month, Councilman - at - Large John Sutter will ride his trusty (and rusty, too) bicycle while on city business.

By doing so, he will save the city the $125 a month paid each councilman for their auto expenses.

But most important he will dramatize his proposal that the parking lane and one traffic lane around Lake Merritt be reserved for bicyclists on Saturday, Sunday and holiday mornings.

Councilman Sutter kicked off his plan last Tuesday night during comments on the successful bicycle race held the Sunday before around the lake.

He praised the Lake Merritt Breakfast club, sponsors of the race, and noted there were more than 1000 people on bikes besides the racers. "This indicates a need and a desire of the people," he commented.

He then made his proposal for the permanent reserved lanes around the lake, asking that the city manager study the feasibility and possible costs of such a plan.

Sutter announced he would ride his own bike while on city business during the next month. "I find serving on the city council not only time consuming but fattening," said the slim councilman who has served just since July 1.

Mayor John Reading asked if there was anything to prevent people from using the regular traffic lanes.

"The big increase in bicycle riders has created a greater hazard," said Sutter. "People feel safer in places reserved for their exclusive use."

Councilman Fred Maggiora indicated he would vote against such a plan if Saturday morning was included because of the number of businesses around the lake which are open for business that day and need the parking.

The entire council voted to ask the city manager for the feasibility study.

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by PEGGY STINNETT

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From a pool of selected architects the district makes a selection and there is an attempt to "pass the work around."

Under further questioning by Tucker, Badal said the architects are paid on a sliding scale. For small jobs of $50,000 to $75,000 a five or 10 percent fee. is paid. The bigger the job the less the fee. About 8 percent is the average lately, Badal explained.

Tucker wants the administration to look into the possibility of having architects bid for various jobs.

DATA PROCESSING MOVES AHEAD

The board approved a contract for data processing facilities on a lease basis with the Honeywell company for $8,500 a month for computer equipment and another $6,235 to the same company for a time sharing system.

As they did, board members indicated their earlier concerns

Skyline blvd. —leave it the way it is or what?

Skyline blvd. Oakland's very own 17-mile drive along the crown of the city.

Should it stay the way it is? Or should it be straightened out and widened to 60 feet?

Those questions recently raised by residents of the area, will now go before the city planning commission in a review of the project which has been in the acquisition stage for some 15 years.

Councilman John Sutter requested and got council concurrence last week that the Skyline blvd. project go before the planning commission.

The commission is being asked to hold public hearings on the improvement of Skyline blvd. and to comment on the "desirability of the continued pursuit of the project."

If the commission should decide the project is worth pursuing, it also will study the possibility of limiting traffic to certain vehicles. For example, motorcycles and trucks might be banned. Or, other means of travel might be encouraged, such as the creation of exclusive bicycle lanes.

Councilman Sutter also suggested the commission might consider changing zoning ordinances or imposing other land use controls, to protect scenic views along the route.

Councilman George Vukasin, who is the hill district's representative, said he knows the feelings of some people in the area but their concept of the proposed project is different from the public works department which assures him the project will not develop a "scenic highway."

He preferred the city council itself hold a work session on the matter but Mayor John Reading favored having it go to the planning commission.

The council voted unanimously for the planning commission's study of the project.

Redwood heights

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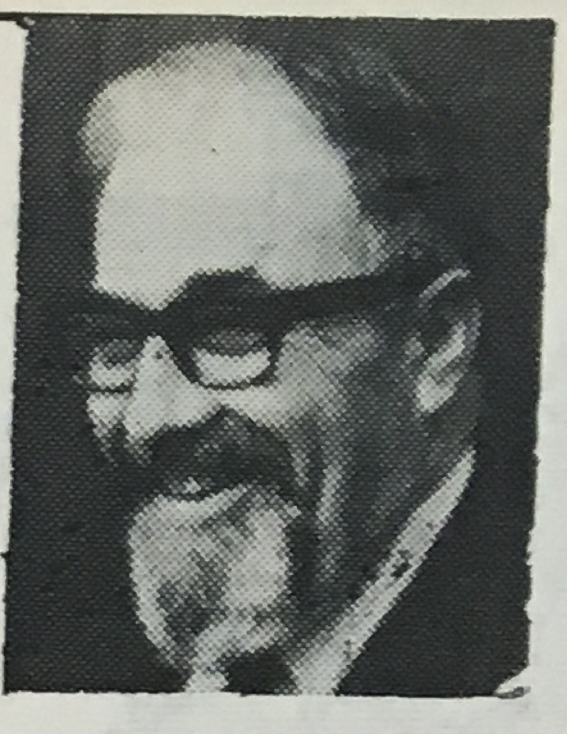
Free BART!



By Bob Kahn

That sounds very much like an extremist slogan – but it is exactly what I mean. BART must be run free if it is to accomplish the objectives that caused it to be built.

When BART is finished, about $1.3 billion will have been invested. Part will have been paid for by bridge tolls, part by an extra 1/2 cent sales tax in San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa counties, and most (about $800 million) by bonds payable through property taxes in the three counties.

Having spent $1.3 billion, we are faced with the cost of some $35 million a year (under 3% of the construction cost or less than the cost of interest) to operate the system.

To raise this $35 million it is proposed that fares will be higher than the present bus costs and only slightly less than the cost of taking your car (out-of-pocket costs only). For example from Hayward to San Francisco will cost $1.15 vs 65 cents for the present bus vs $1.74 alone in a car. The estimated time including driving from home (Castro Valley) to the station is 49 minutes vs 51 minutes by bus vs 56 minutes by car.

From Concord to Oakland the fares will be BART 88 cents, bus 82 cents and car $1.17, with the times, BART 36 minutes, bus 71 and car 49.

BART may be the greatest mass transit system ever designed – but at the proposed fares it will have lots of transit and no mass. It seems foolish that people would spend $1.3 billion fron non-revenue sources to build a system and then refuse to spend an additional 3% of the cost each year to be sure that the investment was a sound one.

BART has a theoretical capacity (maximum length trains at minimum intervals loaded with maximum standees) of more than 400,000 people at any one time. Since there are only 2,355,000 people in the three counties – and many are not convenient to BART – this is more than enough capacity.

Suddenly a great many things will happen more logically in BART-land. First, builders will concentrate new building along the BART routes – because of the appeal of free transportation to and from work. For the first time there will be a major economic pressure to develop land in a logical sequence (closest to BART) rather than hop, skip and jump all over the landscape.

Second, minority and poverty groups will suddenly find thousands of new jobs easily available to them – people in West Oakland can get to jobs in Hayward and Fremont and Concord – riding in the direction just opposite to the regular commuter flow.

Third, this job attraction will pressure the rapid completion of BART, as originally envisioned, into a loop around the south bay, through Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Jobs in Fremont and Milpitas and Santa Clara and Sunnyvale suddenly will become "convenient" to thousands.

I have discussed this with Assemblyman John Knox, author of many bills for the development of the bay area, and he said, "You can quote me as being intrigued with the idea." I recently discussed this with a councilman from Hayward and instantly there was an appreciation of the benefits that such a program would bring to the development of Hayward.

The money is there. Continue the 1/2% sales tax and this will produce $40,000,000 – or more than the estimated cost of operation in 1975. If more money is needed, use the freeway money that San Francisco has not spent.

To the argument that the sales tax is a regressive tax and bears heaviest on the poor, it will probably be the poor who will benefit most from a FREE BART plan and for the first time a regressive tax will be used to benefit the poor rather than force them to subsidize the rich.

NIXON WATCHING

When guns blazed and friend and foe alike fell at Attica, President Nixon, on the barest of information, promptly telephoned Governor Rockefeller and said, in effect, "Right On." Just like he praised the Washington D.C. police for using illegal procedures to make arrests during a peace demonstration. Each time I see President Nixon applaud brutality and autocracy, I cannot help but give thanks for the fact that he was raised a Quaker; just imagine how he would act if he had not had years of indoctrination in non-violence.

I wonder what Mr. Nixon will say when Mao establishes the "Mao Doctrine" for Asia? It will be worded exactly the same as the Monroe Doctrine set forth by our President Monroe, when he said in December 1823, "The American continents . . . are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers. ..... (We) declare that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our safety and peace."

And as to honoring international agreements, it now appears that the 10% surcharge violated the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to which our signature is affixed; and the decision not to honor the conversion of dollars into gold violated the Internattional Monetary Fund agreement to which our signature is affixed. Which just goes to prove that the signature of the United States on an international agreement is worth neither more nor less than that of countries we often claim to be inferior in integrity to us.

A CURE–ALL

It is not often that PRO AND KAHN, in a single suggestion can solve the problems of income for California, smog at Lake Tahoe, highway death tolls and conservation of our oil natural resources. All of this can be accomplished by splitting 1000 acres between Benecia and Cordelia on Interstate 680 between Howard Hughes, Bill Harrah, Harold Smith and Del Webb to construct a new gambling casino center. 1000 acres in that spot will never be missed. Just think – instead of quitting early to play golf, we can all rush up for a few minutes of craps or roulette and still get home in time for dinner.

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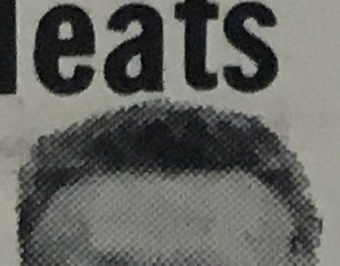

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BY KEN MEADE

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Participants will also have a chance to sample the same bag lunch offered each day to students. Adults will buy the lunch, plus coffee, for 69 cents, and must order two days ahead of the meeting.

Montclair's principal, Mrs. Pearl Palumbo, will welcome the group and bring everyone up to date on enrollment figures, plans for the coming year and news of city-wide school-related happenings. Mrs. Duane Sewell, PTA president, will chair the brief business meeting.

Child care will be available during this meeting at a cost of $1 per child. To reserve a place, call Mrs. Herbert Heider at 339-1305.

In another phase of Montclair PTA activity this week, Mrs. George Duncan and Mrs. Stanley Lichtenstein have been invited to speak at the Montclair Lions club meeting on Thursday, September 30, at Don and Ann's.

They will discuss strengthening of school and community ties and elicit support for the Montclair school site Citizens Master Plan committee.

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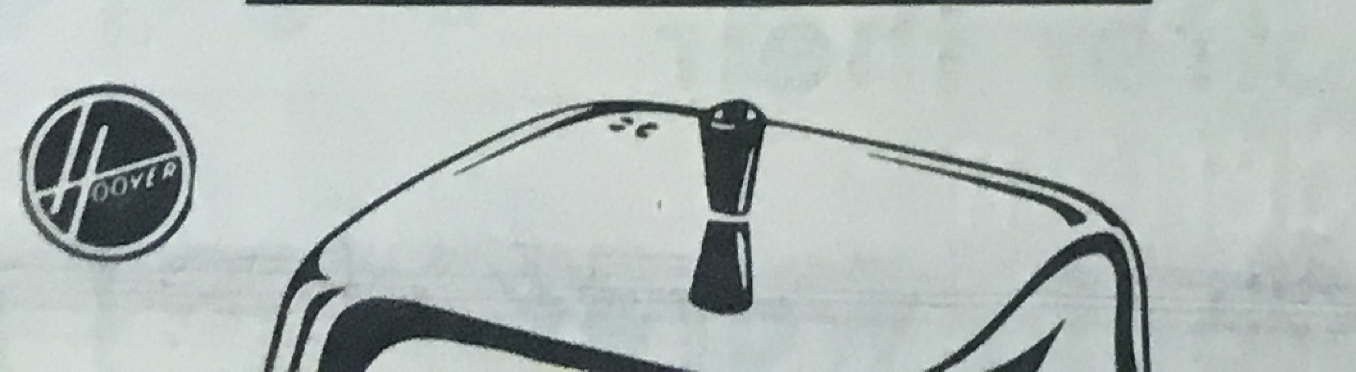

Protest on Redwood rd townhouses fails

Protestors against construction of 45 townhouses on the old quarry property off Redwood road were told they were too late when they came before the Oakland city council last week.

They should have been around last April when an overall development plan for a Planned Unit Development was approved by the planning commission and the city council.

But — protested the protestors — they didn't know about the big plan because their neighborhood below the Warren freeway was not posted with announcements of the public hearings.

John Stuart, who has watchdogged the city council for several months since his interest in the controversial 35th avenue widening project began, was the formal appellant against approval of "Phase One" of the planned unit development.

When the developer, Grubb and Ellis, completes five phases of construction during the next several years, the complex will have 274 residential units on the 31.5 acre site.

Since the overall plan was given approval in April, Mayor John Reading told the protestors the question of zoning was not before the council.

He told them if they wanted to object, to keep their objection centered on some specific part of the "Phase One" plan.

Stuart produced a sheaf of letters from residents who oppose the project, then cited his own objections, which included his concerns about trees on the property, old mines tunneling the subterrain, and possible drainage problems. "We don't want another Wilshire Heights," he said.

Planning Director Norman Lind answered by saying planned unit development, which clusters housing in order to leave open space, offers the greatest opportunity to save trees.

As for the possible hazard of underground mines, Lind said soils tests must be made prior to the issuance of building permits and those soils tests must be accepted by the city.

Councilman John Sutter said to his knowledge the area was interlaced with old sulphur mines now abandoned, but Bill Gilmore, Grubb and Ellis spokesman, said his firm's investigation with Stauffer Chemical indicates there are no mines in the Phase One area.

The Phase One property is now an open quarry and the ground is quite scarred but with modern grading, Grubb and Ellis hopes to reshape the property, said Gilmore.

There are no oak trees on the land, just eucalyptus and with new landscaping, the firm hopes to improve the appearance of the land.

Sutter asked what happens in the future to preserve the open space. "Will it be ascribed legally as open area?"

Lind said future city councils could rezone the parcel for high rise. But Gilmore said each residence would be deeded in fee to the individual 45 owners. It has not been determined yet how much of a majority would be required to change the use of the open space but 75 percent is anticipated.

Mayor Reading tried to persuade the protestors that planned unit development was the best way to develop the hill property.

He told them "Your fears are unfounded that more density will result."

The protestors were primarily residents below the Warren freeway, members of Wilshire Heights Home Owners and the Redwood Heights Home Improvement association.

They said their areas had not been posted when the matter came up for public hearing. This was confirmed by the planning director who said the planning department didn't realize the Redwood Heights area of concern extended north of the freeway.

Steve Casselina of the Redwood Heights Improvement association, explained that the reason there aren't members in that area is because it is undeveloped and there are no homes.

A Redwood Heights housewife told the council she was just the "little guy" and had "no pull" such as that of Grubb and Ellis. "We feel the council is not looking out for the little man."

Casselina told the mayor he was very disappointed that the issue had been set for the Thursday morning meeting although there had been a specific request that it come before the council on a Tuesday night when more people could attend.

"Now the mayor and council can tell us technically we're too late. Does the word Grubb and Ellis hold such glamor that the council must listen to them and not to the residents?"

"To you I say 'hogwash'," said the mayor.

"We know Grubb and Ellis is one of the biggest developers in California," replied Casselina. (The firm is the developer of the city's huge City Center project.)

Casselina said the townhouses won't look any different than "pueblos." "Masses of homes plastered against the hills" was his description of the planned unit development.

"They call them condominiums but they are apartment buildings," he said, asking the council to "backtrack" and refer the matter back to the planning commission. "Let them build single family homes," said Casselina.

Mayor Reading said he has been one of the staunchest supporters of single family homes but it is not economically feasible to develop all the hill property in single family. "The city needs good and upper income property. If we continue to have just large single family development, we'll just continue to have large areas of open space." The city can't continue to have just low income building in the city, said the mayor.

Sutter said if he voted for Phase One that would not tie him to approving the future phases two, three, four and five.

Councilman George Vukasin said the issue seemed to be that people were unaware of the rezoning although Crestmont homeowners and the Federation of Hill Area Home Improvement associations were "very much involved." "We were under the impression there was no organized opposition to this," Vukasin said.

City Attorney Edward Goggin advised the council the impression should not be left that it might not approve future phases of development.

The overall plan has been approved and from now on the only question will be if the detailed plans are in accordance with the general plan already approved.

"I don't want the people to go away with the idea that if they don't like what is proposed they should come back, because it won't be appropriate at that time either," said Goggin.

Councilman Vukasin said he was going to vote against approval of Phase One because it was questionable whether or not people were properly notified.

The mayor chided him, saying "If you don't think the plan conforms with the original plan you can vote no." He did, anyway.

Sutter said he would abstain from voting in view of Goggin's statement.

Other councilmen and the mayor voted for approval.

Hill area crime report

August 15-21

BURGLARY

4400 block Moraga. Entered open rear window, took television set.

5800 block Skyline blvd. Entered unlocked bathroom window, took color television, adding machine, stereo, binoculars, jewelry box & contents, credit cards, bedspread.

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County will protect us citizens from bookstore threat

by SUE SOENNICHSEN

Would you want a bookstore next to your child's school?

Yes, we got trouble, right here in Alameda county.

But the board of supervisors is going to protect us with a new ordinance requiring a use permit – and therefore county approval – before a bookstore can open up.

"The character of bookstores has changed," said supervisor Joseph Bort, defending the board's action against an angry group of booksellers last week.

"You wouldn't want certain operations of bookstores next to a school, for instance," continued Bort. And he defended his support of the use permit, saying it didn't mean he was opposed to books, "My house is full of them." And, he said, "I frequent and support libraries," and had no intention of insulting bookstores.

Robert Yamata of Books Unlimited and the Northern California Booksellers association felt differently, however. "An honorable profession is being slandered by public officials," he said. "Our stores contain the heritage of civilization."

"We are legitimate booksellers," Yamata said. "What happens to our public image when a bookstore is put in the same nuisance category of business as pool halls and gas stations [which also require county use permits]?"

He argued that freedom of bookselling has been defended historically and infringements could lead to democratic disaster. He also suggested state financial support for the book business.

"That is the worst presentation I've ever heard," retorted Bort. "You are not slandered – this is a normal application of a use permit." Continuing to Yamata, "all you've convinced me of is that I shouldn't change my vote."

Speaking for the central labor council of Alameda county, Dick Groulx asked the supervisors to reconsider. He said he was opposed to their action as "very thinly screened censorship. Using an ordinance designed to control dog kennels and gas stations in attempt to control pornography."

Groulx accused the board of "intellectual dishonesty" by taking such a tack. He said he didn't think the board should attempt to have book and movie censorship. "You are going into a field where you don't belong. It's an improper use of county police power."

"While I personally don't feel sex is a spectator sport," Groulx continued, "the board's actions amount to an infringement of freedom of expression."

"I for one didn't vote for the ordinance for censorship purposes," Sup. Fred Cooper stressed repeatedly. He said the law was just for traffic purposes and included theatres as well as bookstores. The law, he said, only regulated the location of the store, not what it sells. "I feel the American Opinion bookstores are offensive," said Cooper, "but I would never vote to deny a permit on the basis of what is sold there."

Bookseller Victor Bajema said the law amounts to "prior censhorship." He said such ordinances have "never been able to stand up in court – they are against the first amendment."

Bort accused Bajema of talking "high and mighty" and yet opposing billboards – another form of freedom of speech.

Bajema said he agreed somewhat with Bort's reasoning, but that billboards were in a "grey area" of free speech.

"We consider bookstores to be in that grey area too," announced chairman Robert Hannon, and closed off discussion.

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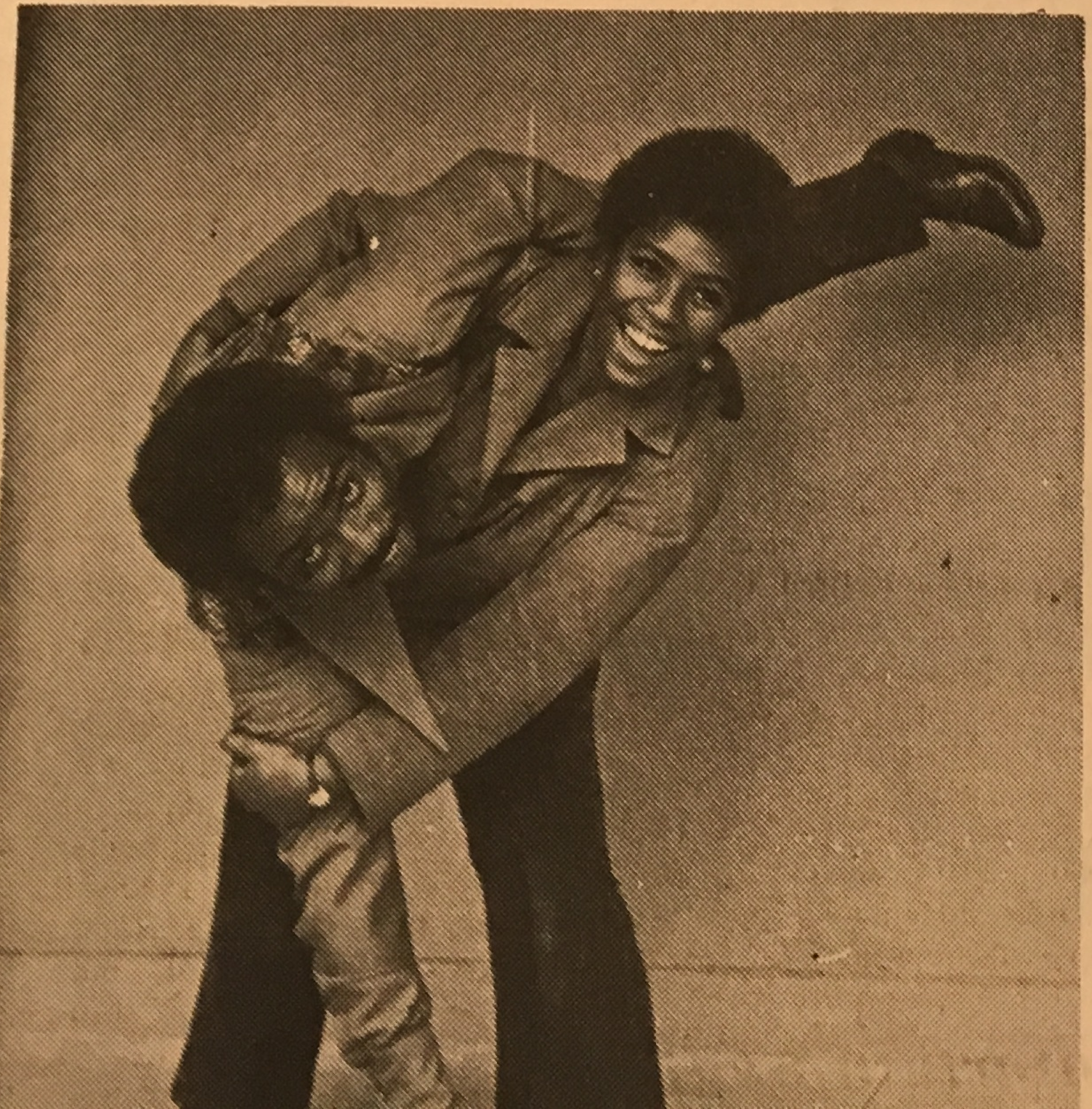

Letters to the editor

Pharmacists fight drugs

Editor:

The growing misuse of drugs in America is now of urgent concern to all the health care profession today.

The great preponderance of drug misuse is among the "over 30" age group on all economic and social levels, and involves legitimate drugs such as the amphetamines and barbiturates.

A continued and rational drug education program must be carried on at all levels

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Road to democracy not smooth

The truth about freeways

by SUE SOENNICHSEN

Alameda county is only getting a tenth of the state highway funds it is entitled to, says County Supervisor Emanuel Razeto.

And he blames it on an "ineffective" county highway advisory commission – nowadays controlled by the cities. Time was when the county received $40 to $50 million annually – during some of Razeto's six years as chairman. This year the allocation is $4.5 million.

Since Alameda county has 5.5% of the state's population then Razeto figures we should get an equivalent percentage of the state's $921 million highway budget – about $46 million.

In a procedure change the advisory commission now requires a new chairman each year and county representatives have been reduced to one vote, compared to 13 for the cities.

Razeto, rankled by the city take-over, complained that they have demonstrated a notable lack of success in wooing state funds. He said south county cities feared influence of the Oakland chamber of commerce and "the mayors felt I was a north county supervisor."

"Actually, I got money for south county," Razeto said, "the widening of 580 – a corridor for BART."

So offended was the supervisor by his ouster that he did not accompany the group to Sacramento to lobby for funds. He denied this was shirking his responsibility, only that "every time I made a motion I was voted down."

"When local people fight among themselves," Razeto observed, "they get nothing. The state figures why spend money on a county that doesn't get along."

He also charged that the cities did not seek funds "as vigorously" as the city-county combination had in the past. "With the county involved our tin cup would have been bigger."

"Maybe the county doesn't want more freeways," Razeto speculated, "with the growing concern over air pollution, etc." But it was obvious he could not believe this.

Razeto expressed pride over his past accomplishments with freeways. "California should be proud," he said. "Alameda county has a beautiful pattern of freeways and accessability."

"I consider the Grove – Shafter my greatest success as a supervisor."

He pointed at south county's current troubles – particularly in the proposed extension of the Foothill Blvd. freeway (238) through the flatlands of Niles, Decoto, and Fremont.

Chicanos, resisting its extension through the flatlands, Razeto said, have obtained an injunction to stop it. "The minorities began to get militant after money had been spent by the engineers," he complained. "Nobody wants it near them."

"You cannot build a road by the democratic process," said supervisor Razeto. "In Italy," he pointed out, "it took two dictators to build two highways – Julius Caesar and Mussolini."

Help save a hill

Members of the Rebuild the Hills association have planned a community work day to remove the burnt trees in the area struck by the big September, 1970 blaze.

On Saturday, November 13, all interested are invited to meet at the end of Westmoreland drive at 10 am. Bring any equipment you might have; additional equipment will be available, and lunch will be provided by the residents.

Anyone who is interested in free firewood is encouraged to come and help him or herself. For further information, call Concetta Jorgensen at 841-4211.

COLOR BLIND

I find this hard to believe, but the Transport Newsletter is the authority for reporting the American Optometric association conducted a survey of its own members and found out that half the optometrists had a color vision problem and showed little or no sensitivity to red lights, including traffic signals, tail lights and brake signals on the car ahead.

If you subscribe to the generalization that most psychiatrists seem to need psychiatric help themselves, and editors can't spell, etc., you might be able to believe that eye doctors can't see very well.

The incidence of color blindness in the general population is about 5%. The editor of Transport Newsletter might have read a statistic of that nature and thought it said 50%.

MEASURE PROSPERITY

The trucking industry measures national affluence by the length of trucks.

In Russia, they say, trucks are all no more than 25 feet long. In England, 32 feet long. In California and most of the U.S. they are 65 feet long.

The spokesman for the California Trucking association says "The prosperity of the citizens of these countries is in direct proportion to the size and number of trucks. I think the conclusion is obvious, don't you?"

I don't know what his conclusion is, but mine is that we have a lot more trucks than is pleasant. I wish a lot more stuff went by rail.

DOUBLE ENTRY

I'm told by a fellow who knows

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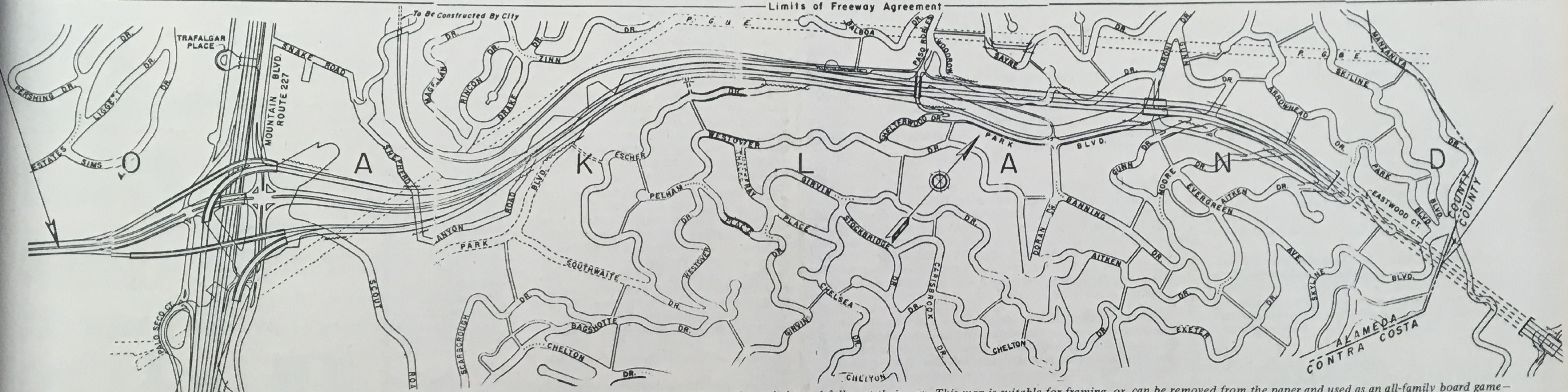

FREEWAY as planned back in the late '50's. Take a good look, because you may never have to see it if Ken Meade & other enlightened folks get their way. This map is suitable for framing, or can be removed from the paper and used as an all-family board game—person who gets to the Contra Costa county line first being the winner, of course. Everybody else loses.

The Shepherd Canyon freeway, a long standing proposal of the division of highways, may never be built.

Assemblyman Ken Meade announced last week he will introduce legislation calling for its deletion from the state's master plan for freeways in the next legislative session.

Only last week the governor signed into law a measure which deletes a section of the Laurel canyon freeway known as the "Beverly Hills freeway" from the master plan.

Meade became deeply concerned about the proposed construction of the Shepherd Canyon freeway after he polled his constituency in Oakland and Bekeley on various issues facing the legislature.

Out of 71,000 questionnaires mailed to residents, 15,000 responded. Of this number 65 percent gave either as first or second choice "cutting down on highway construction" as the best way to reduce state spending.

Sixty-eight percent of the respondents indicated there should be "increased concentration of public rapid transit and a de-emphasis on freeway construction as a means to protect the environment."

The proposal for the Shepherd canyon freeway has been in the planning stages for 14 years. Meade feels all freeway proposals must be reviewed in light of current needs and desires of the people. Also that rapid transit must be given the chance to function before new freeways are built which disrupt the environment and are costly to the taxpayers.

Lending support to Meade's plan to delete the freeway from the master plan would be the Oakland city council's recently adopted comprehensive policy plan which states that the council will oppose all new freeway construction in Oakland which would increase problems without compensating benefits. Any construction must serve the transportation needs of Oakland's residents, not just those of commuters, under the new policy.

The city policy statements say any future freeway construction must not "destroy or disrupt" neighborhoods or impose unnecessary barriers between them. Also, there must be an assessment of the impact BART will have on transportation patterns in the bay area.

The policy says the council is attempting "to prevent Oakland from being sacrificed for the commuting convenience of suburban dwellers."

The proposed Shepherd canyon freeway would primarily benefit Contra Costa county commuters by providing a new major access from that county. The only major

Costly loss of students from Oakland schools

by PEGGY STINNETT

A sharp and unexpected decrease in enrollment of an estimated 1,370 students in Oakland schools will mean a loss of about $380,000 in state aid this fiscal year.

Superintendent Marcus Foster advised the school board of the substantial enrollment decline last week.

About 1,100 of the enrollment losses have occurred in kindergarten through 8th grade. The loss was completely unexpected and is nearly three times the figure used by the district in its 1971-72 budget plan.

Dr. Foster said the figures were taken on October 8 and if subsequent reports continue to show these substantial enrollment reductions, the district will lose about $280,000 in state equalization aid and another $100,000 in funds from the locally imposed 7th and 8th grade special tax.

The enrollment decline is a statewide phenomenon, according to school district officials, and appears to be caused by an economic downturn in the state and bay area, which has forced families to leave in search of jobs. But that is only speculation.

There seems to be no entirely satisfactory explanation for the suddenness of the enrollment decline, but state and county officials suggest the economic decline would be one. Other reasons could be the increasing number of private schools. Last year it was estimated there were 1,500 private schools in California, while this year that figure has risen to 2,400.

There is no indication that parochial schools have absorbed the students.

Additional reasons for the sharp decrease in students could be the decline in the birth rate, which is more pronounced than predicted, and the slowdown of immigration to California because of the economic recession.

A survey by Oakland staff shows that other school districts are also experiencing enrollment

570; Sacramento (K-8) 300; Berkeley (K-6) 200.

The Oakland district loses about $90-$100 for each elementary student it fails to account for.

Also the district receives payments regularly during the school year for its elementary enrollment while payments for nine through 12th graders are paid later and more infrequently.

The enrollment decline will now force the school board to review its budgeting for the fiscal year.

There are slim hopes that Congress might increase its Public Law 874 allowance for Oakland. The law provides federal funds for districts which are "impacted" with children of federal employees. There are two categories of aid.One pays school districts for children whose

Tie vote turns off a bubble machine

by PEGGY STINNETT

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Shepherd canyon freeway may never be

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road now is Route 24 through the Caldecott tunnel.

The freeway proposal is, in the jargon of highway engineers, "in the period of 1980," according to a letter to Assemblyman Meade from Alan S. Hart, district engineer for the division of highways.

The proposal is moving along, though slowly, toward its target date. Meade's staff reports that freeway agreements have been executed with local governmental structures and the only remaining step is to finance the project.

Meade has asked the division of highways to provide information on the original "needs" studies that established the "desirability" of planning the Shepherd Canyon freeway.

He is also asking what "updated" studies have been made since the late 1950's to establish a "continuing need" for the freeway.

The assemblyman wants a detailed chronological list of events which have transpired in the planning of the route, what is likely to happen next and when?

He also has asked for transcripts, artist's renderings and aerial maps and all other documents concerning the canyon freeway.

Meade believes now is the time to stop the freeway which he believes residents and taxpayers don't want or need.

The freeway would wipe out the country road now known as "upper Park Blvd.," an extension of Park blvd. which is interrupted by a short link of Snake road and Mountain blvd.

The route is tied into a proposal for a section of Route 93 from Moraga to connect with Route 24 at Gateway blvd. on the other side of the Caldecott tunnel in Contra Costa county.

Another proposal is to connect to the proposed Shepherd Canyon freeway with a city access road along the abandoned Sacramento Northern right of way which stretches from near the bottom of Colton blvd. to the Shepherd canyon.

If Meade's bill to delete the freeway from the master plan is approved, it would appear the city road would be dumped as well.

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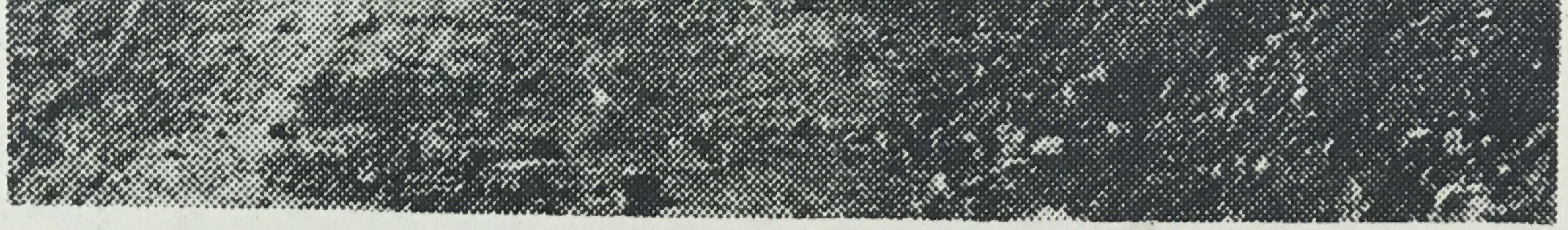

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Parking meter success in Village

Parking meters have not hurt business in Montclair as feared by opponents who fought their installation in the village.

So states John T. Moon, president of the Montclair Business association in a letter to Mayor John Reading.

Moon reported that parking meters have been a "success" in the village. In fact, they have increased the number of parking spaces available for customers, Moon states in his letter.

"An expected enforcement of parking limits with meters is much more effective because of the ease of patrolling," Moon wrote. "Most of the customers who had previously stated they would not shop in Montclair if we put in meters, are still with us after a temporary hiatus elsewhere for one or two months."

"Not one merchant, shopkeeper or professional has mentioned to the Montclair Business association that the installation of parking meters has hurt their business," said Moon.

The mayor is traveling in the far east, but Councilman George Vukasin, who represents the hill area, reported the letter to the city council last week, saying he was pleased with the outcome of the parking meter issue which was indeed a controversy of major proportions for the business district.

Parking meeting

Montclair Parking district number 2 will hold its quasi-semi-annual meeting at room 315, Oakland city hall, at 9:30 am on Thursday, November 18.

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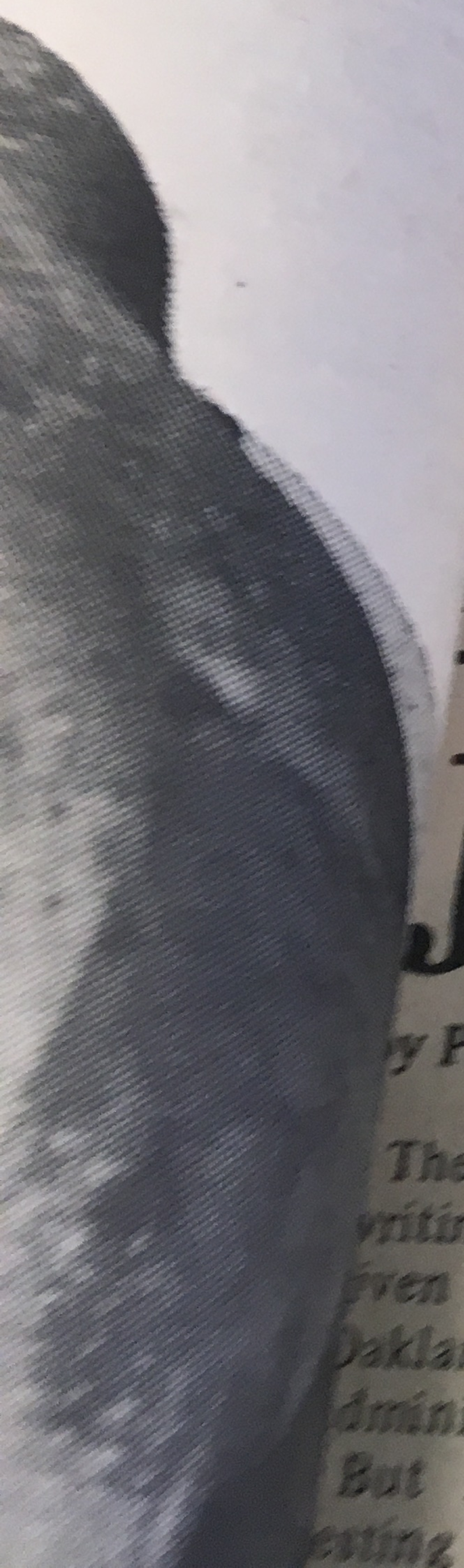

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The basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic have been given "top priority" in the Dakland schools under the new dministration.

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grade, to a 9 percentile rank.

Achievement tests on reading, language, spelling and math are given at 6th and 12th grade. Here, the Oakland students had an 8 percentile ranking in 6th

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and within "Group 15." This latter category means Oakland is a "big city district", the city has about 61,000 students, but the state department of education lumps together all districts with over 25,000 students in this category. No one is sure what a 'Z' score is; and the rows of x's in the last column provide a graphic picture of Oakland in terms of the state average in all categories.

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Dump Skyline boulevard project say hill protesters

Who wants a bigger and straighter Skyline blvd.?

What's more – who needs it?

"Nobody!" was the answer of more than 200 hill residents who last week turned out for a planning commission hearing on the controversial 40-year old plan to straighten the road.

The plan is to create a "scenic" highway which the department of public works calls a "parkway."

But residents said Skyline blvd. is scenic now. To make a wider, straight road of it would not make it more "scenic." In fact, it will be less scenic, they said.

They said the term "parkway" is a misnomer for a high-speed highway which will cause more traffic accidents, threaten wildlife and domestic pets, and their children.

The matter came before the commission not of its own choosing. Rather, the city council, upon the request of Councilman John Sutter, asked the planners to review the project and recommend what should be done about it.

Specifically, the council asked the commission to hold public hearings and comment on the desirability of continuing the project, to consider redistricting the road to certain types of vehicles (for example, no trucks or motorcycles) and to consider the encouragement of other kinds of travel such as bicycles.

It was stated that the city has acquired 40 percent of the right of way necessary to carry out the alignment. (Several months ago, however, the department of public works told The Montclarion the city had acquired 75 percent of the necessary right of way.)

Councilman Sutter, who attended the meeting, told the audience, with a grin, he had requested a review of the project because "I feel it is healthy to reevaluate projects at least every 41 years."

Sutter said he has fiscal concerns about the acquisition but mostly he is concerned that the city is "losing the view" to eucalyptus trees and homes. He said he'd like some bicycle trails built into the plan. After hearing from the residents, Sutter said he would like to see the city continue buying up the properties, not for a bigger and better road but for open space.

Frank Ehrhardt, senior planner, outlined the route of Skyline blvd. which he said has relatively light traffic but a high accident rate. There are about 1300 cars a day on the road but in "past years" there have been 63 accidents, he reported. In the area north of Joaquin Miller road to Grizzly Peak blvd. the east bay regional parks own 17 percent, the water company 33 percent, University of California 10 percent, Oakland park department 10 percent, and the city street department one percent. This means that 80 percent of the right of way is under public control.

However, said Ehrhardt, some of the best views are from private property. Of 1160 lots along that section of the road, only 117 are developed, he reported. The existing road is two-lane with a paved width of 26 to 28 feet. It has no curbs or gutters.

"There are some very sharp curves and some people get into trouble on sudden sharp turns," said Ehrhardt.

East of Joaquin Miller road, Skyline blvd. is mostly privately developed with only 61 lots on the east and 57 on the west not developed. Traffic is heavier (up to 6600 cars a day) mostly because of Skyline high school and the heavily populated Crestmont development. This is the section of Skyline which is fully developed with curbs and gutters, and divider strip.

Director of Public Works James McCarty said he wanted to dispel rumors that the city is going to build a freeway or fast express route. "All the city is doing is protecting the right of way," he said, "because there are no funds to build a road. The city applied for funds in 1964 but they have not been provided and possibly

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But don't get the idea we are self-satisfied and complacent nor even self-righteous.

Sometimes we think we are almost human and therefore subject to such frailties as pronounced by Councilman Donald Church of Piedmont recently about us. (You'd think he'd be more grateful toward The Montclarion since way back when he first got elected by five votes he credited us with his tremendous victory over the Piedmont Establishment!)

BAD REVIEW

David Bascom who bascoms under the name of Milford ("Stanley") Poltroon and in this role is editor and publisher of the Wretched Mess News, which

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Dump Skyline project say hill protesters

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they never will be."

The plan was first proposed back in the 1930's and was hastened because of the 1939 exposition because it was felt visitors should have a place from which to view the entire bay area, McCarty explained.

McCarty said the city began buying up tax delinquent property as it became available, using gas tax funds. In recent years, the city has purchased lots as applications for building permits have come into the city.

In 1964, Skyline blvd. was "nominated" by Berkeley and Oakland to be part of the federa "scenic" highway system, he said. McCarty said the plan is to straighten the road and upon completion it would be 60 feet wide.

The road is "substandard by all standards," he said. There are sharp turns with a radial curve of 30 feet. For comparison, freeways have no less than 1,000 foot radial curves.

The city plans to straighten the road so no curve would have less than a radial curve of 150 feet.

Normally, the city would consider a 40-foot road adequate but on Skyline blvd. there would be no place to park with that width and homes along the road need on-street parking.

McCarty said it is planned to keep cut and fill to a minimum but of necessity there will be crib walls in some locations.

He insisted the city has only "preliminary" plans, sufficient for acquisition of right of way, but no detailed plans have been made.

"If we stopped this, some future public works director will face the problem of acquiring right of way at four times the cost today," said McCarty, but he was interrupted by a huge outburst of applause from the audience who obviously wanted the city to stop the project immediately, if not sooner.

For the next two hours, speakers assailed the Skyline project as "unnecessary and incredible and unwanted."

Philip Lang of Wilton drive said the city shouldn't be spending money and time on the road project when east and west Oakland are in need of curbs and gutters. He pointed out that "planning costs money" too.

"We have to have a safe road, we are told," said Lang. "Safe for who? Safe for us, for our families, our dogs, the wild raccoons, the quail? Will they all be safe? To be really safe, Skyline could be brought up to the standards of the Grand Prix."

Gerald Rose of the Merriewood – Thornhill Homeowners, said the extension of the road in south county is being just as bitterly opposed by residents there.

He warned that once the plans are laid and the property acquired "money will be found for construction."

Rose suggested the best alternative would be for the city to sell off the land it has acquired for single family homes and get the property back onto the tax rolls.

"The city should use the funds it receives to provide vital services. This scenic parkway should be abandoned now and forever."

Mrs. Thelma Tobin of Carmel street explained she doesn't live in the area of Skyline but is concerned about "what's for Oakland in this? I don't think it will benefit the people at all."

The reality of a "parkway" was clarified by James Cypher of Melville drive, who said while driving on a parkway between Baltimore and Washington he was almost run over at 70 miles an hour. "It was an admitted scenic failure," he said. "No one wanted to look at the trees."

In the Oakland case "We're just inviting more traffic," said Cypher.

Mrs. Marjorie Saunders of Skyline blvd. warned that every piece of property along the road will be affected one way or another. "When they call this public land, that means we taxpayers own it and we should be asked if we want to sell it."

Mrs. Saunders was also critical because of inadequate notice of the commission hearing. (Most people had learned of the hearing from The Montclarion newspaper, not by official public notice.)

Erwin Basting, another hilltop resident, said there was no need for a "raceway" along Skyline and it would be a deterrent to preservation of what remains of the ecology, while William Bagett of Burton drive wondered how his children will cross the new bigger road. He discounted the possibility that anyone could enjoy jogging, bicycling or riding horseback alongside a high speed highway.

Stan Kosen said he wanted to offer something "positive" as an alternative. "Why not spend the money on parks in the flatlands where they are needed? Do all the deprived people in the hills need better roads? Who needs it? Who's for it? Where are we going in such a hurry? To the graveyard?"

William Hall of Broadway Terrace said there are three groups to be concerned with – the residents, the "appreciators" and the commuters. Nothing should be done to serve commuters, he went on, so the only ones to be concerned with are the residents and the "appreciators."

Marvin Moss of the Save the Hills committee questioned the name "scenic road." "We already have a scenic road. What is proposed will make it less scenic. If the road is changed, its use will be changed. Skyline now fits our needs. I fear not for the intentions but for what it may actually become."

Others speaking against the road project included Ted Milhouse of Skyline blvd. and Herb Lien, who said there will be massive concrete walls lining the road and even so there may be slumps and slides in wet weather.

Freda Hartin of Manzanita drive called the whole idea "incredible" considering the many other priorities of the city. Even though the project may affect the residents primarily, the whole city is involved because of the money, she pointed out.

Young Joe Svita, a bicyclist, said the road, if straightened, would have the "scenic appeal of a Safeway parking lot." Others voicing objections were John Stuart of Elinora avenue and D. Katzikarus of 15th street.

After the outpouring, Director of Public Works McCarty said he was glad to have heard the residents' views. "They came loud and clear," he said, which they had. "I'm not trying to waste your money. I'm only trying to protect the right of way," he said. "If the people of Oakland don't want the road, they won't have it. But the scenic funds can't be used other places."

Planning Commission Chairman Jens Hansen offered some hope to the residents, saying "Maybe the city council will dump this as a result of the hearing."

McCarty said the city has 186 parcels. If they were sold, the money would have to be returned to the gas tax fund and used for arterials in other parts of the city.

(Gas tax funds, however, due to a law passed earlier this year, may be used for maintenance of streets. Until this year, the funds had to be used for major arterials. In fact, this legislation saved the city's budget process by permitting the use of the gas tax funds for projects usually paid for out of general funds.)

Councilman Sutter had some final comments on the road project. He said one beneficial effect of the city purchase of lots is that it has protected the views and inhibited development.

After the meeting, he said he would like to see the city continue to buy up the lots in order to preserve open space, not for a road project.

(The city could continue to acquire the properties but if it does not intend to continue the road project, gas tax funds could not be used for the purchases.)

So where does the project go from here?

The commission referred the proposal to its staff for review and report at its Wednesday, December 8 meeting at 1:30 pm.

At that meeting the commissioners will review the staff report and may amend or revise its recommendations. They will then transmit their report to the city council for action. Planning Director Norman Lind estimated it may be after the first of the year before the matter comes before the city council."

Rezoning on Nahas property delayed

Introduction of an ordinance rezoning property below the Skyline market just off Redwood road from R-10 estate zoning to R-30 single family was postponed by the city council last Thursday morning upon request of a member of the Redwood Heights Improvement association.

The ordinance would open the way for the Robert T. Nahas company to apply for a planned unit development permit on the parcel which is adjoined by a larger one now zoned R-30.

John Stuart of Elinora avenue asked the council to delay action on the ordinance until an at the initial reading, otherwise the council would be in the position of having to reverse itself.

Other councilmen agreed and the date was set for Tuesday, Dec. 23 for introduction of the ordinance.

Councilman George Vukasin read the staff report on the application and noted it did not give the name of the applicant.

Planning Director Norman Lind said it is the R. T. Nahas company.

Sutter noted that the parcel in question was once city owned. When the city sold the parcel it was zoned R-10 estate. "By

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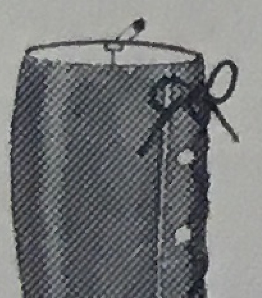

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Bicycle lanes proposed for lake

It may be safer to bicycle around Lake Merritt on weekends soon.

Arnold Johnson, traffic engineer, is recommending to the city council that a bicycle lane be delineated within the street area surrounding the lake by removing parking where possible and placing barricade traffic cones in other areas.

The report from the traffic engineer was submitted last week in response to a request from Councilman John Sutter recently that such a plan be considered.

Johnson is also recommending that a city-wide bicycle study be undertaken by his department and other city departments such as police, park and recreation and planning, because of the great amount of public interest in bicycling on city streets.

The recommended plan from Johnson's study of the Lake Merritt lanes would cost the city about $26,000 a year.

Commenting on the favorable recommendation, Sutter said he hoped the city manager would also come up with a favorable recommendation on financing.

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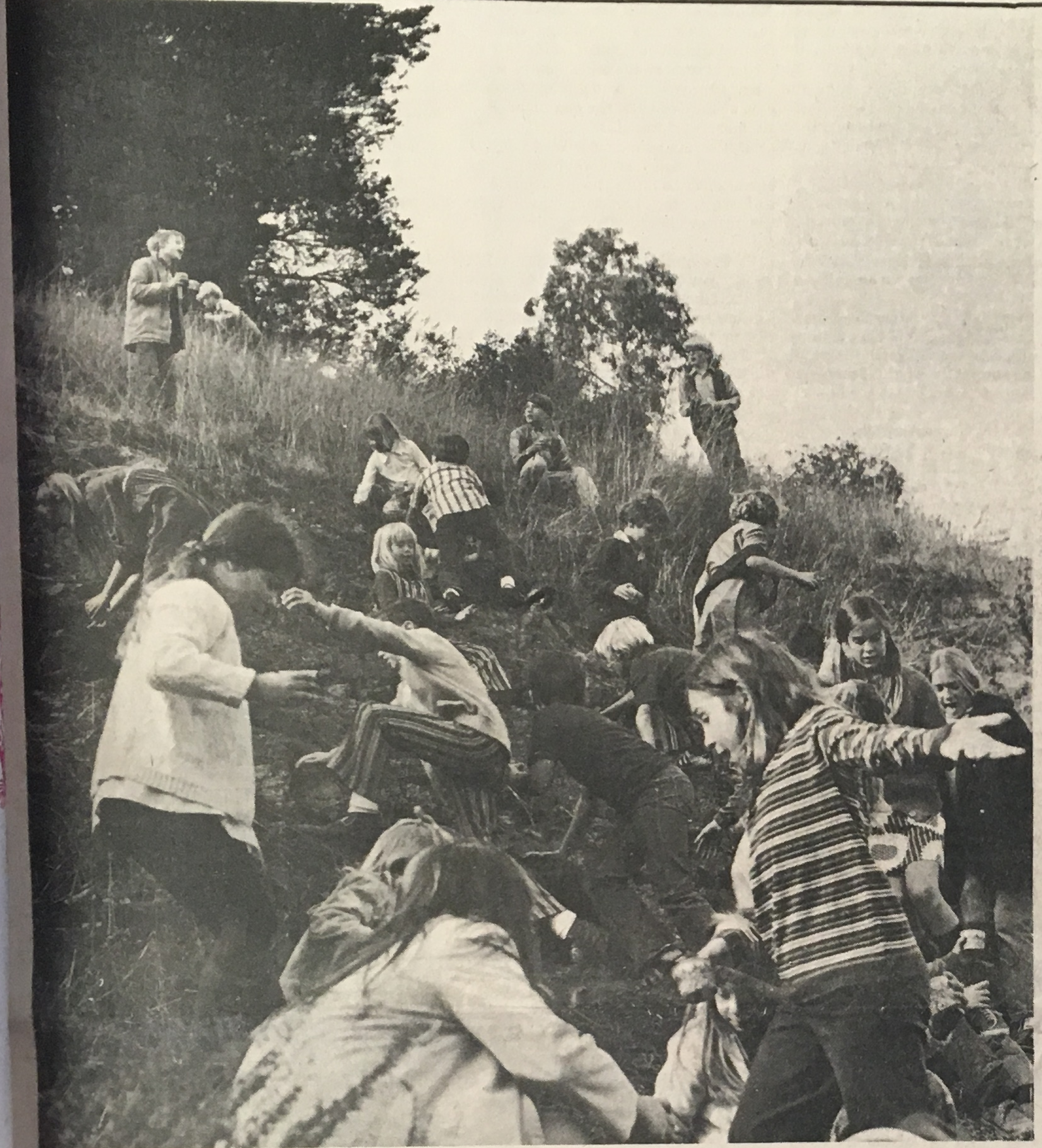

EED GRANT – Scrambling up Indian Hill behind the recreation enter are third graders in the Montclair school classes of Mrs. Veola 'Neil and Mrs. Lula Moffett who were given a pound of wildflower eeds from wild plant specialist Clyde Robin of Castro Valley. The youngsters were instructed to mix the seeds with sand and "scatter before advent of winter rains." Precise to the letter, the students, all members of the Montclair Ecology club, scattered and scraped the grassy hillside, as dark clouds lowered. Next spring – poppies, lupines, yarrow, rock rose and surprises!

Skyline blvd meet tonight

by PEGGY STINNETT

The Oakland planning commission will meet tonight, December 15, at 7:30 pm in the Lakeside Garden center to discuss a staff report which contains 12 recommendations for the future of Skyline blvd.

The proposed alignment of the hill top road, a project on the city's records for some 30 years, has evoked strong protests from hill residents.

The commission set tonight's meeting last Wednesday after receiving the staff report. Three weeks ago a public hearing on the issue drew close to 200 protestors.

The staff report sets forth a number of proposals which may not be well received by the protestors.

A companion report submitted by Director of Public Works James McCarty recommends the city "continue existing policy basing future construction on eventual funding of scenic roadway."

McCarty says the only other two alternatives are to abandon the project and dispose of the acquired property. He notes that all funds accrued through the sale of the property with gas tax funds would return to the city's gas tax fund. (If this were done, the city could use the money for other street projects in the city.)

The other alternative would be to abandon the project but retain the city-owned property. This would require reimbursing the gas tax fund by $400,000. Right-of-way acquisition would be discontinued because if the project were not to be constructed, continued use of gas tax funds for acquisition of property would be "questionable", McCarty states.

The planning staff report recommends that the city council declare the Skyline "facility" as an official scenic route but that the portion of the road north of Joaquin Miller road be no more than a two lane street. The report says nothing of how wide that two lane street should be.

The report says the council should "declare a policy discouraging long through trips other than scenic drives" along the entire Skyline blvd. route, but just how this policy could be enforced is not clear.

Most significant of all the staff recommendations is the one which recommends that the city "continue to purchase land which could endanger the implementation of the present proposal until the city council makes a final decision to abandon its past policies on the segment of Skyline north of Joaquin Miller road." The portion on the east is already developed with curb and gutter.

The report suggests an "interdisciplinary" team including city planners, traffic engineers, park planners and civil engineers be involved in the design of any improvements to that segment of Skyline north of Joaquin Miller road.

It also recommends that the council direct the city manager's staff to reevaluate the section of Skyline south of the extension of Keller avenue to determine if four lanes are still warranted to accommodate future traffic demand.

The staff recommends that there might be changes in zoning regulation to control building heights and locations for lots abutting the scenic route.

Still another recommendation, one not likely to be well received by hill residents, says the city "should provide incentives to encourage the beneficial clustering of structures with planned unit development" to protect vistas and scenic qualities adjacent to the scenic route.

The staff suggests the city council should direct the city manager to have the entire Skyline/Grizzly Peak route "carefully examined" by the city planning and park and recreation departments to decide which scenic areas warrant special protection. Also, that the city might acquire land for strip parks or scenic easements where potential is greatest.

Another recommendation suggests that prior to the sale of any "surplus" property along Skyline, deed restrictions be built in in order to preserve the area.

Still another recommendation suggests the city council adopt and forward a resolution to the Alameda county board of supervisors expressing support for deletion of the segment of the Alameda county Skyline parkway proposal which links Oakland with Castro Valley. This recommendation, if adopted, could lead to abandonment of the entire project.

The report further suggests there be more effective police enforcement of regulations on noisy vehicles on the road.

It also asks that traffic engineering take action to regulate truck traffic on Skyline.

McCarty's report is straightforward. He answers many of the objections and concerns raised at the public hearing, as follows:

At the public hearing many statements were made concerning priorities, justification, safety, etc. The following comments are made in reply to these statements

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What did he say?

"Tell me, Congressman Dellums," said an Oakland Chamber of Commerce man with a razor haircut and sea turtle leather shoes, "does your position as President Nixon's least favorite congressman hinder you?"

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Wilshire heights residents meet tonight, too. (p. 14 has the details).

School board p. 13,

Peralta report, p. 10,

County stuff on p. 12 & you're invited to a very special party (p. 19)

Peter Scott: meters no success

Parking meters have not been a success in Montclair Village as reported earlier by the Montclair Business association, Peter Scott, architect and member of the Montclair parking commission, told the city council last week.

Scott said he was appearing only as a resident of Montclair not in his official capacity as a member of the commission.

He said there has been a 21 percent drop in on-street parking since advent of the meters and he wished to correct the impression there had been an increase. The merchant lot has more parking spaces filled but there is a net loss of parkers in the village, he said. The estimates made at the time the meters were being considered are off by 40 percent, Scott contended.

He said he was not asking for any council action but if the trend continues he will be back asking to have the meters removed.

Councilman George Vukasin asked Scott to discuss the matter with Traffic Engineer Arnold Johnson, but Scott said he had done that already. In fact, Johnson looked into his records and they also showed a net fall, reported Scott.

Mayor John Reading told Scott he would have to show him something more substantive than those figures to get the meters removed since a majority of property owners favored them.

Scott said the majority of resident businessmen opposed the meters; it was the out-of-town owners who favored them

"After the hassle we went through on this I don't think we would take them out," said the mayor.

"What is substantive?" asked Scott.

"Who knows until you bring it in," said the mayor. "Certainly something more specific than what you have."

More meters

John Moon, president of the Montclair Business association, has stated the board of directors of the association has requested that the city install parking meters on 14 stalls now in the two hour zone but not metered. These 14 spaces were left meter-free for customers, but have been abused by various people, and customers have not been able to park in them.

The new meters will be installed between the post office and bank and the old bridge abutment. There will be no change in the all day parking area just beyond.

Victor Steppan

Sutter asks for review of special funds

The Oakland city council perceives the city's financial condition as poor.

But a review of city finances, covered in detail in several articles in The Montclarion last spring, disclosed that special funds are bulging with unspent but allocated monies.

Councilman John Sutter last week asked that the city manager review these special funds to determine if the council can unlock some of those funds by simple passage of new ordinances.

Sutter called the funds "piggyback financing" because they build on themselves, such as nickles fed to parking meters are supposed to be used only for building parking garages and motel-hotel tax funds are supposed to be used only for attracting tourism.

"The city manager is advising us that next year we'll be in a financial crisis and I wonder if we can change our ordinances and free some of the money," said Sutter.

Councilman Paul Brom indicated he would oppose an expensive survey although he conceded "there is a problem."

City Manager Jerome Keithley said he didn't consider the request a difficult task. He said he would review the funds where city council has control of them by ordinance. The council approved the review.

This spring in The Montclarion's series on city finances, Dean Madsen, an independent certified public accountant, advised the city to use the special funds for the purpose they are intended for and not to store up excessive balances. He suggested some of the funds could be freed if the council would pass new ordinances on their use.

Now it appears councilmen are willing to take a look at that possibility.

Pardon my glove

By Fred Graeser

WRITE-OFF

Down there in southern California, I have learned from an exchange newspaper, a major oil company has three service stations in a small town outside of Los Angeles. None of them is profitable and two of them are within a block of each other.

The company wanted to improve one of the losing stations and had to come to the city council to seek a variance of some kind.

In the course of the discussion, it turned out the company had lost an enormous amount of money on its service stations in that town, but was willing to invest some more in this losing proposition because the depletion allowance granted oil companies under the income tax law makes any losses relatively meaningless.

In other words, the rest of us are financing this oil company's adventure in saving good locations for the future when population will make them profitable, and for advertising the company by having a well lit station always on the corner, etc., etc.

The editor of the paper where I read this information had this to say: "I suppose the economics of the matter are easier to understand when one considers

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and questions.

1. Would all roads leading to Skyline blvd. also necessarily be widened?

Basically no, since dramatic traffic increases are not anticipated. The improvement of other roads are subject to needs related to their use – not the use of Skyline.

2. No justification for improving.

Skyline presently is a collector street and functions in this manner. No great increase in traffic volume is anticipated, which is the reason a two lane roadway is proposed. The primary justification of this project is the developement of this stree as a scenic route with minimal disturbance of natural amenities. This would provide maximum benefit of this priceless asset for ALL Oakland's present citizens and preserve it for future generations as well. Allowing total private development of the frontage would result in loss of the remaining views and all opportunity for public enjoyment of a natural parkway.

3. Low priority.

This improvement has a low priority with relation to other arterial and collector streets financed by normal means; however, criteria for use of scenic funds would probably not allow use of such funds for other Oakland streets.

4. Why connect a 4-lane Skyline to a 2-lane Skyline?

The four lane portion of Skyline begins at 4-lane Joaquin Miller road and goes easterly, eventually connecting to a 4-lane Golf Links/Grass Valley road. The 2-lane portion proposed northerly of Joaquin Miller road would adequately provide for projected traffic on this segment.

5. A parkway is a freeway.

... problem of semantics ... the proposal is for a scenic roadway constructed as a basic two lane (one direction each way) road – obviously NOT a freeway.

6. There are plans in existence.

Only preliminary ones for general right of way use. No specific plans have been prepared or will be without favorable funding.

7. Why the standards?

The 150 foot minimum radius proposed would allow a basic 25 mph speed through curves ... arterial streets are designed with a minimum radius of 300 feet.

8. Lack of feeling for people, animals, etc.

The improvement would be done with minimum disturbance of the terrain . . . The delineation of the roadway would provide for better safety, drainage, and, as a minimum, a separated pedestrian area. How this improvement would materially adversely affect the wildlife and people is difficult to comprehend.

9. Speeding and garbage problems.

Irresponsible driving and littering are now a problem – an improved roadway would provide for uniform (but reasonably low) speed; creative landscaping and roadside development hopefully would encourage better housekeeping. Unfortunately, physical improvements alone will not entirely solve anti-social actions of all citizens.

10. Wider road isn't any more scenic.

True, but an improved road would make the enjoyment of the scenic qualities easier and safer for all citizens.

11. Benefit special interests only.

There is no known large landholder along this route who would benefit by this improvement. It is possible that use of city and regional parks might increase, in which case the public benefits by the easier accessibility and possible additional recreational developments.

12. Analysis of accidents has not been made.

The majority of the accidnets along Skyline blvd. (over 60%) are listed as "ran off road." Of these about one half are reportedly caused by excessive speed. The other major causes are "sideswiping" and "rear end" according to statistical reports.

13. Commuter or alternate to Highway 580 and Warren freeway. Appears unlikely Skyline will be used as a regular alternate: it is 50% longer and takes 200% more time to traverse than the freeway and arterial streets.

Lesson in

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suppose the contest was a tie.

I was reminded of this game the other day when I ran across some interesting but unrelated information. So I thought I would experiment with an imaginary conversation between two highly intelligent savants who wanted to give each other these great facts:

"I was playing golf the other day," says the first brain, "and I recalled that each golf ball has exactly 336 dimple impressions."

"That's what helps the ball fly so well, presumably," said his companion. "And speaking of flying, I was quite impressed to learn that the 195 foot wingspan of the new 747 jumbo jet airplane is longer than the distance flown on the first Wright Brothers flight."

"You don't say! But I am told no male conversation lasts for more than 9 minutes without mentioning sex and I have therefore decided to tell you this unusual fact: The average waist of a woman is 28 inches, the same as the average length of a man's arm."

"How convenient, what masterful planning by the Master Planner! On the other hand, you take animals. Did you know the royal antelope of Africa is about the size of a house cat, or that gorillas, contrary to general opinion, are actually very peace loving? They would rather switch than fight."

"Oh, you mean switch paths when he sees an enemy approaching. Words can be enemies or friends, depending on how you approach them. Take the word 'strength.' It is the only eight letter word with only one

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Planners approve Skyline plan despite resounding public disapproval

by PEGGY STINNETT

People in the Oakland hills may not want curvy Skyline blvd. straightened.

But like it or not, it looks very much as if it will ge de-curved sometime in the future.

The Oakland city council will untimately decide the issue, possibly in a matter of weeks, but the planning commission has taken a position of favoring the continuation of the project with a few modifications.

A small but vociferous crowd of opponents attended a special session of the planning commission last Wednesday night when commissioners reviewed recommendations made by the planning staff. At an earlier public hearing held on the Skyline parkway about 200 opponents voiced their concerns about the project.

The commission reviewed each of 13 recommendations, on a word by word basis, changing one here and there but basically no significant changes were made in the plan.

The commission will send the recommendations to the city council after taking a formal vote at today's meeting which begins at 1:30 pm in city hall, room 115.

Informally, the commission agreed to recommend that the city council reaffirm the Skyline - Grizzly Peak roadway as an "official scenic route."

They shied away from calling the project a "parkway," which has become a name for freeway. Instead, they called Skyline blvd. - Grizzly Peak a "roadway."

Commissioners agreed, after lengthy discussion, the northerly segment of the road should be "no more than a two-lane street, (one lane in each direction) designed to discourage long through trips other than scenic drives."

This was a modification of a recommendation which said the city council should "declare it the policy of the city to discourage long through trips, other than scenic drives, along the entire Skyline — Grizzly Peak route."

The modification was made after commissioners couldn't figure out how the policy could be enforced. "Would motorists be stopped by interrogators who would point out the city council policy?"

Commissioners determined to recommend the city continue to purchase the land along Skyline which would "endanger the implementation of the present proposal." They eliminated the rest of this recommendation which added, "Until the city council makes a final decision to abandon its past policies on the segment of Skyline north of Joaquin Miller road."

They decided an "interdisciplinary" team of planners, engineers, traffic engineers and park planners should be involved in both preliminary and final design of any improvements on the whole length of the 17 mile road and that the planning commission shall have final design review of the plans.

The same team will reevaluate the section of Skyline south of the planned extension of Keller avenue.

Perhaps fearing to further alienate hill residents, the commission deleted reference to encouraging planned unit development along Skyline.

This action temporarily, at least, removed another thorn in the side of the opponents who seemed definitely not in favor of high density development in the hill area. (However, the deletion does not mean the possibility of planned unit development is precluded. In fact, if the road is straightened it is likely the area would be more desirable to developers seeking sites for cluster housing.)

The commissioners recommended the city explore the possibility of acquiring land for strip parks, vista points or scenic easements in the most scenic areas. Also, the city should place deed restrictions, where possible, on any surplus property that is to be sold along the route to protect scenic qualities.

Another recommendation calls for possible changes to the zoning regulations to add controls on building heights and landscaping. This would mean certain trees would not be permitted to block the views, although it was admitted this provision could pose some difficult enforcement problems, too. (Who's going to measure the trees?)

The commission will recommend that the city manager instruct police to take necessary steps to enforce traffic code sections on noise and speed along Skyline blvd. Here again, strict enforcement could be a problem.

Finally, the council should express support to the county board of supervisors of its deletion of the segment of the county Skyline Parkway proposal which links Oakland with Castro Valley, the commission decided.

The commission refused to specify how wide the two-lane Skyline roadway should be, a crucial point of the controversy. Commissioner Bestor Robinson said he would not engage in the "engineering" of the road. This seemed strange since frequently the planning commission specifies precise measurements, such as five feet walkways, in issues which come before it.

Still, Robinson came closer than other commissioners to pinning down some of the problems with the parkway project. For example, he stated that the design characteristics made in preliminary planning stages should be specific.

Robinson said he believes curves in a road do slow down traffic and the way to discourage through trips would be to maintain curves. "It won't be a straight two-lane road," said Robinson.

Director of Public Works James McCarty said the curves would have a 150 foot radius. At present, some are as tight as 30 feet so it can be seen that the road will definitely change its character if the project goes through.

Planning Director Norman Lind said the project is so far away from funding that when the time comes, if ever, that there is money for the construction, probably there will be a different planning commission, a different audience, and indeed a different planning director.

Even so, Robinson thought it would be helpful if people could inow as soon as possible "what kind of road it's going to be."

Lind said it would be impossible for the proposed interdisciplinary team to get to work on this project right away because of other long-standing priorities. McCarty said, in effect, the interdisciplinary team is like a standing committee in city hall, anyway.

As for acquiring land for strip parks, and other scenic-type facilities, gas tax funds can't be used, said McCarty, as other funds would have to cover their purchase and development.

While the commission carried on its discussion, the audience restlessly waited to be heard although they had been told earlier it was not a public hearing, just a public meeting, and there is a difference.

The commission obviously would have preferred not to hear any more from the audience, which they had heard fully at the earlier public hearing.

But the audience was literally irrepressible. The commission looked out at raised hands and irate faces. The people wanted to talk and the commission had to listen, at least, to the most persistent.

Capturing the feeling of the crowd was one man who said he was most disturbed because the commission was on the verge of adopting all the recommendation, ignoring the specific wishes of the 200 or more people who attended the earlier public hearing.

The people don't want the project at all, he pointed out. For this, he received heavy applause. "The crib walls and rip and rap this project will require are anything but scenic!" he protested.

McCarty told the audience the present 60 foot right of way will be "sufficient" but there is the "curvature" problems to deal with.

Some of the people shouted out, "We don't want it straightened!"

McCarty insisted the city only wanted to "protect" the scenic road. "We are trying to develop something for everyone and make it as safe as possible so there can be a constant speed, not a fast one. Of course, improvements would have to meet current engineering standards."

When discussion from the audience was cut off, temporarily that is, Robinson moved to adopt the recommendation.

Someone spoke out in protest and Commissioner Morgan Rice commented "I'm amazed at the lack of courtesy here."

To which the gentleman replied, "I'm amazed at the lack of response from this commission."

And that seemed to be the general feeling of people as they left the meeting.

Lawsuit reveals split in OEA over director's contract

A lawsuit filed in Alameda county superior court last week challenges the validity of the Oakland Education association's contract with Edgar Case, its executive secretary.

The suit, filed by Roger Brehmer and nine other members of the association's board of directors asks the court to declare Case's $25,998 a year contract invalid.

The plaintiffs say the contract was authorized by less than a quorum of directors at a meeting held August 12.

The suit names Case and Tay McArthur, president of OEA, as defendants, stating that McArthur is "acting in concert with and participating with Case in usurping the office of executive secretary contrary to the bylaws of the association."

The plaintiffs ask the court to declare Case's contract invalid and to restrain him from making any expenditures over $50 without counter signatures of the OEA treasurer.

The complaint says at the OEA board meeting of August 12, Case presented a proposed employment agreement which was executed by McArthur. Eight members present approved the agreement but OEA bylaws specify a quorum as nine members. In all, there are 15 members of the board.

The contract set Case's salary at $25,998 plus about $5,000 in fringe benefits including a business car, and expenses for travel and entertainment.

The agreement gave Case the sole right to renew the contract.

The contract set a termination date of August 31, 1974 with provision for reopening salary negotiations annually each May.

The suit says the OEA secretary is financially responsible for large sums of money held by the association and says dues alone, collected from members, exceed $70,000.

At the December 1 board meeting of directors the vote was eight to seven on a motion stating that OEA does not have a valid contract with case.

The suit says McArthur has sought to uphold the agreement made in August as a legally binding transaction contrary to the will of the majority of the OEA board and contrary to the OEA by-laws.

Representative councils at school sites have not ratified the contract, say the plaintiffs.

Case lives on Saroni drive in Montclair and the OEA office is located in Montclair East on Mountain blvd.

Teachers demand safety measures & quick from the school board (p. 6), which also earns the censure of League of Women Voters' members (p. 3). Reagan's new Medi-Cal rules will cost the county dearly (p. 5). Wilshire heights people are thinking things over (p. 12) and there's news about a happy school on p. 13.

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And finally, Cooper asked that the application be made at any rate. "It's easy enough to withdraw and if we decide we want it we've saved a year."

But he was alone and the supervisors voted 3-1 (Robert Hannon absent) to refer the matter to the county mental health advisory board and agency staff for review and a report before next year.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

The board officially approved new guidelines for the county's General Assistant program to go

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Planners adopt 11 guides for Skyline parkway project

The city planning commission last week approved 11 recommendations on the future of Skyline blvd.

The recommendations now will be forwarded to the city council for a final decision on the controversial road straightening project.

On the suggestion of Chairman Jens Hansen, the commission proposed that a citizens transportation task force, about to be formed by the city council, give high priority to consideration of the Skyline scenic route. He suggested hill residents seek membership on the committee by contacting Mayor John Reading.

Another of Hansen's suggestions approved by the commission calls for the citizen task force to give special attention to "evaluation of the desirability of declaring the remaining portion of Skyline, north of Grizzly Peak, and the entire length of Tunnel road as an official scenic route."

Other recommendations call for reaffirming Skyline as an official scenic route, for the road to be two-lane, and for the city to continue purchasing land "which would endanger the implementation" of the present proposal which is to straighten the curves in the road.

They also call for an interdisciplinary design team, made up of engineers, planners, traffic engineers and park planners to work on preliminary and final design of the project.

Earl Basting, a Montclair resident, asked several questions of the commission.

One concerned the statement made by Planning Director Norman Lind that construction is far away in the future.

Basting asked: "If the project is so far away, why is the city spending money on it?"

Hansen told him the city has been spending state funds to "protect the views from the roadway."

The city has used gas tax funds to buy up parcels adjacent to Skyline blvd. for some 30 years. The plan is to straighten the road if ever federal funds are available.

The city estimates it has used $400,000 in gas tax funds for the acquisition.

The city could abandon the project and give up the idea of a bigger, better roadway on Skyline. This is the action hill protestors want the city council to take.

If the city abandons the road project, however, it would be faced with another problem. The properties could be kept for scenic viewing spots or as park parcels but the gas tax funds of some $400,000 would have to be paid back to the city's gas tax fund which purchased the land.

Or, the city could sell off the properties perhaps making quite a profit over original purchase and return the money to the gas tax funds for use in other parts of the city.

But there could be legal objections from persons whose land was acquired for costs less than current market values.

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The panel is composed of five

Rockridge residents seek study for zoning

A group of interested citizens met at Claremont junior high school on Monday, Jan. 11, to provide a forum for community response to the proposed rezoning of the Rockridge BART station area.

Whether opposed to or in favor of the rezoning, organizations representing several hundred people, including virtually every local interest group within or contiguous to the Rockridge BART station area, mutually presented a statement in recognition of their overriding common concern – the quality of the Rockridge area environment.

The group has petitioned the Oakland city planning commission to authorize and finance comprehensive neighborhood planning and design study under the direction of independent professionals and concerned residents pursuant to the objectives enunciated in the BART Impact study and in the 701 Urban Design study.

The petition attacks the proposed rezoning plan prepared by the city planning department, dated Nov. 4, 1970, calling the plan "unacceptable as being of doubtful validity in meeting the objectives and needs of the community."

It is the belief of the citizens' group that this study is prerequisite to any rezoning proposal in order to understand why rezoning is recommended, to properly expose and evaluate its numerous social, economic, and aesthetic consequences, and to intelligently define and structure the change and growth of the neighborhood.

The citizens' group is asking that the study be authorized and implemented without delay and completed by Jan. 1, 1972, and that a moratorium be declared on all rezoning within one-half mile of the BART station, pending the completion and adoption of such a community plan.

The groups joining together in petitioning the planning commission are: Chabot Canyon Homeowners' association, Chabot Community council, College Avenue Merchants association, North Oakland District Community council, Rockridge Hillcrest Community council, Rockridge Neighborhood committee, and St. Albert's college.

The subject area is all the property presently zoned R-50 (medium-density residential zone) bounded by Broadway on the east, Clinton street on the south, Claremont avenue on the west, and the single- family zoning line on the north. Near the center of the area, the station is at College avenue between Keith avenue and Shafter avenue.

Briefly, the planning department's plan suggests that "the greatest concentration of new residential facilities would be located immediately surrounding the station area with a decreasing density with distance from it."

The plan further considers as a solution, on a short-term basis, "zoning a small area around the station to the R-80 (high-rise apartment residential zone) combined with the S-4 Design Review Zone." (According to Section 6250 of zoning regulations of the Oakland planning code, ". . . the S-4 zone is intended to create, preserve and enhance the visual harmony and attractiveness of areas which require special treatment and the consideration of relationships between facilities appropriate to areas of special civic or historical significance." The S-4 zone may be combined with any other zone.

Regarding construction or alteration in an area zoned S-4, Design Review, Section 6252 says that ". . . no building, sign or other facility shall be constructed or established or altered or painted a new color in such a manner as to affect exterior appearance unless plans for such proposal shall have been approved pursuant to the Design Review procedure. . ."

According to the plan, in the long run, revisions would have to be made to reduce the permitted density on smaller properties and increase densities as the site is larger. Eventually, the R-80 would be expanded and the S-4 eliminated.

The citizens' group questions the value of having the greatest concentration of new residential facilities immediately surrounding the station area. They are concerned with what provisions have been made for open space and recreational facilities, and community service facilities, such as the library and fire station. The fate of Claremont junior high school is questioned, along with the development of future traffic problems in the area. And the group asks that the economic ramifications of rezoning be defined.

Commuters in the hill area interested in good planning in this area are encouraged to support the suggestion that the city planning commission authorize such a study prior to any rezoning. Anyone who would like further information may call Kenneth Natkin, 655-2360.

Peralta Colleges to seek tax hike in special election

The board of trustees of the Peralta Junior College district

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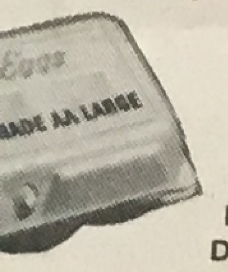

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A dispassionate indictment

Elections hold hope for Oakland—incumbents must be dumped

Fact & opinion

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article about Oakland appeared in the current issue of "The Sense of Security," a bi-monthly publication of Security National bank under direction of its president, Fortney "Pete" Stark, Jr. The article was written at his request by The Montclarion's news editor, Peggy Stinnett, who also appears on KTVU as a community reporter on the Tuck & Fortner report at 10pm daily.

By Peggy Stinnett

It may come as a surprise, but in some ways Oakland is more famous than San Francisco.

Outsiders view Oakland as a curious place where the elected leaders of the city are constantly at odds with the people. This reputation has created a corps of Oakland watchers who observe the city in the same way scientists look at a strange-behaving bug under a microscope.

Oakland's bizarre political behavior also accounts for the dolorous articles in national magazines and press about the city, all of which tell the world this is a place stranger than fiction.

And, in fact, it may be. What could be stranger than a city where the elected officials consistently and arrogantly alienate their constituency?

To fully understand Oakland the important thing to remember is the people who live there love the place with a "for better or worse" devotion, even though sometimes it is embarrassing to admit "we're from Oakland." This embarrassment stems from official postures taken by their elected officials who "speak" for the city.

*"100,000 white families have fled Oakland in 10 years. The freeway is a tool for the middle and absentee class to retain their economic control of the central city."**

Oakland watchers may be in for a treat this April when the city voters go to the polls in a municipal election. Five out of nine council seats and four of seven school board seats will be on the ballot. And there is every indication there will be a strong attempt to "throw the rascals out," a long standing and still valid American way of dealing with political problems.

Oakland voters are realizing that city government affects their lives more critically than state and federal government.

Ironically, the incumbent politicians have built the platform on which their contenders will run. It could be said they have dug their own graves.

Reviewing the record of the incumbent councilmen, it appears they have managed somehow to alienate just about every faction of the city electorate.

"Shortcomings of war on poverty and other help-the-poor programs stem from the fact that they are conceived by established politicians to soothe the aches and pains of the people, but not to work any fundamental cures. Programs like OEDCI, EDA and redevelopment are saddled with guide lines designed either to enrich the current ruling class and/or to protect their economic and political power bases."

The issue that takes the prize for political fumbles is that of the Shell Oil pipeline. In January, 1970, in the Wilshire Heights hill section, a landslide destroyed numerous homes and in the process broke the Shell Oil company's jet fuel pipeline. Until that time, few Oaklanders realized there was a city franchised pipeline running through their neighborhoods. When they found out, they didn't want it. But because the pipeline serviced the Oakland airport, the council permitted and even encouraged Shell Oil to make repeated attempts to restore the pipeline. When the people finally posed the question, "Who runs Oakland? Shell Oil company or the people?", the council began to feel the political implications. Abruptly, Shell Oil was told to find its own solution to the problem. Now the mayor and the council seem to feel they are off the hook on that issue, but Oaklanders have long memories and short fuses on the controversial pipeline issue.

And Wilshire Heights residents may not be too happy with their incumbent councilmen, either. The homeowners carried on their own wearisome battle to try to wrest a modest $35,000 out of the city treasury to apply a band-aid to the slide area. The official city position was the slide was on "private" property. The answer did not satisfy the homeowners, particularly one who plaintively asked if that was so, why did he have large chunks of London road in his patio?

CONSERVATION IS A PLOT

Conservation is regarded as some left-wing plot to impede the progress of the Port of Oakland.

There is not one ecology—minded man in the circle. Even Councilman Frank Ogawa, a nurseryman by trade, has a businessman's approach to keeping Oakland green. For example, it was Ogawa who suggested plastic grass be "planted" on BART rights of way in Oakland. He thought plastic might be cheaper to maintain.

But the attitude of the incumbent council toward conservation is most clearly stated in the issue of San Leandro Bay, a large inlet which lies opposite the Coliseum. It was designated for recreation and park use by the Bay Conservation and Development commission's bay plan, and even the Port of Oakland and city general plan say on paper that recreation and parks would be the bay's best use.

That is only on paper. The city demonstrated what it really believes is the best use of San Leandro Bay when it decided to build a new corporation yard there. That is, a place to repair and keep trucks and other maintenance equipment.

It was brought to the attention of the BCDC that the city was violating the law by filling the bay to build the corporation yard. The city claimed "grandfather" status, saying the site did not come under BCDC jurisdiction. It was not important that the bay was being filled; the city viewed the construction as "legal," therefore it was be "right."

Recently, following months of negotations, BCDC determined to take the city to court to stop the construction and the bay filling.

Although the issue has been widely discussed by citizens groups, the council has never discussed the matter in an open meeting.

"Official city council meetings take place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays, but most decisions are made at special work sessions before the council meetings . . . and over dinner on Tuesday evenings."

Mayor John Reading has stated, however, that he would like San Leandro Bay to become a marine terminal. He said "parks are just places where people sit around all day." As for wildlife, "birds and airplanes don't mix." What's good for the Oakland airport is good for the people.

"Events over the past three years have indicated that industrial development does not lead automatically to job development, just as prosperity of local business does not involve addition to the firm's labor force."

THE LOCKED PARK

Those who would preserve the city's beauty run into the same wall as those who would conserve.

For instance, Dunsmuir House, a magnificent mansion grandly situated in almost 50 acres of Hellman park in the easternmost section of Oakland.

It is owned by the city but the gate is locked and a sign says the public can't go inside. Almost 10 years ago, when a more visionary staff saw the possibilities of public use of the estate, the city purchased the property with money from various state and federal sources.

The city attempted to develop a "think center" and research center in the park, but those efforts were largely fruitless. For the past several years the park has been tightly latched. Dunsmuir House,

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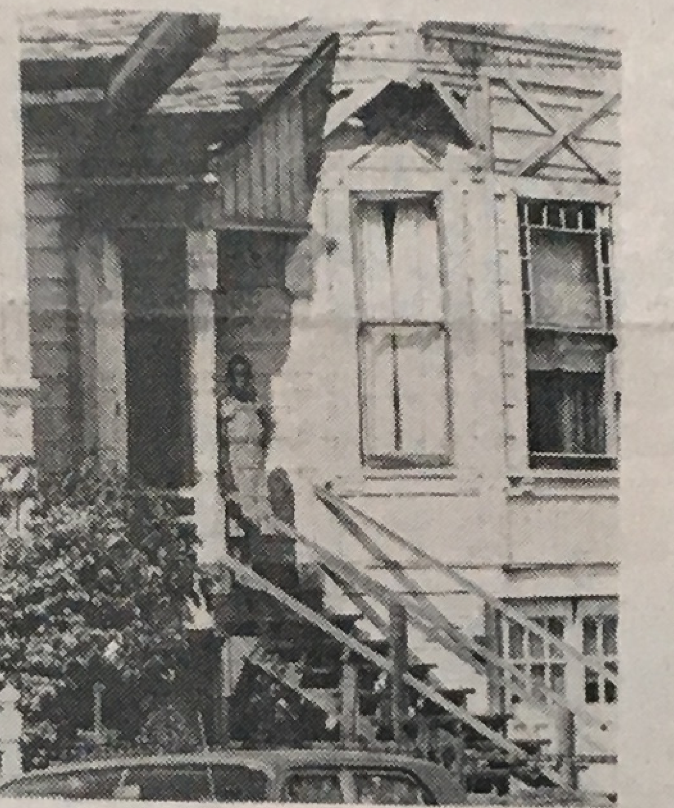

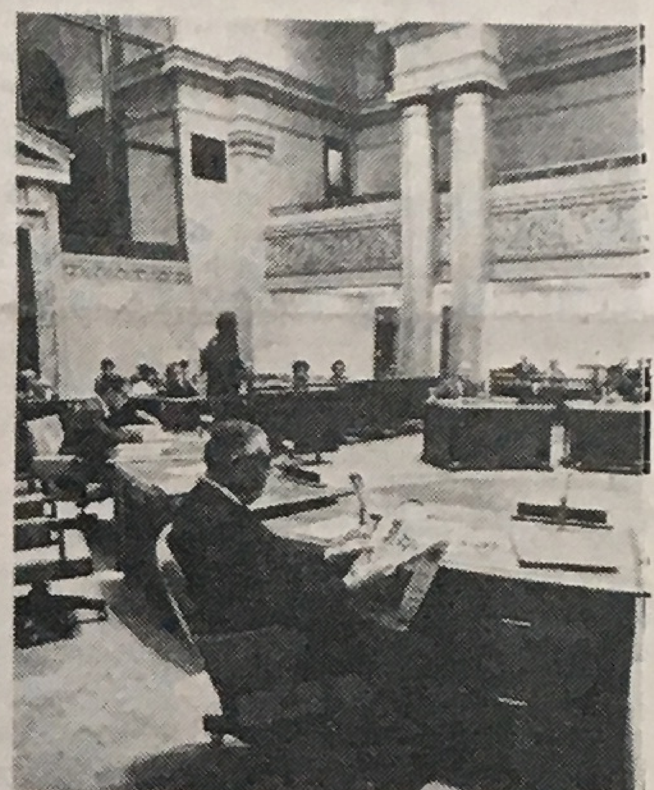

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West Oakland people ask, why are many houses demolished and so few built? Why is low rent housing being replaced with high rent housing? Where have all the poor folks gone? Why don't the city councilmen pay any attention to us? (The councilman reading the newspaper started to pay attention to the citizen speaking after he heard the camera click.)

Anna Head plans boys' school

The Anna Head school, 4315 Lincoln avenue, may begin educating boys as well as girls.

The private girls' school is seeking a major conditional use permit to establish a boys' school, to be located on Lincoln Child center grounds directly across Lincoln avenue from the all-girls' school, an area zoned R-30 (one-family residential).

Anna Head's spokesman, Eugene D. Sweetland, trustee of Anna Head and chairman of the boys' school committee, told the city planning commission in a Jan. 27 public hearing that the subject site, along with a building thereon called "Junior Alliance Hall" will be leased on a long-term basis from the Lincoln Child center, if the permit is granted.

Junior Alliance hall is now an auditorium. Interior alterations would be made to provide for classrooms. Only day classes would be held and there would be no residential activities.

Sweetland said they would begin with grades 7, 8, 9 and 10, but would not care to be limited to junior high. The capacity would be 80 to 90 students.

Anna Head girls' school has about 330 enrolled, 10% of whom are on scholarship. There are 15 to 20 black students at the school, plus other minority students. Sweetland said there is no scholarship program pertaining exclusively to minority groups, in answer to an inquiry from Commissioner Ray Collins.

There is now a crosswalk on Lincoln avenue between Anna Head and the Junior Alliance hall. After consulting the city traffic department, Sweetland reported that a cross light or warning light might be installed,

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Lately, since our classified ads have been burgeoning, this department has been a rich source of activity by salesmen who call our advertisers and suggest the same ad which appeared in The Montclarion might well be run in another paper.

We have managed to restrain our enthusiasm for this flattery.

Last week, however, we had several calls from our classified advertisers regarding a type of solicitation they did not relish.

It was a salesperson for the Oakland Tribune, suggesting they might run their Montclarion ad in Oakland's only responsible metropolitan daily.

I think this is touching and I have nothing but the warmest desire to help the Tribune in its hour of need.

HOW TO CHEAT

An incredible document is printed in the latest issue of Ramparts magazine, signed by Abbie Hoffman and offering a means of existing in the United States of America without money.

How to rip off a restaurant includes a neat idea: "After you've eaten a full meal and gotten the check." suggests Hoffman, "go into the restroom. When you come out go to the counter or another section of the restaurant and order coffee and pie. Now you have two bills. Simply pay the cheaper one when you leave the place."

How to steal without detection in supermarkets stimulates Hoffman's imagination. "Small bottles and jars often have the same size cap as the expensive sizes. If they h price stamped on the cap caps, getting the larger the cheaper price. Yo empty a pound of margar fill it with sticks of Small, narrow items hidden in the middle of toilet paper. Slip a few s some lamb chops in bottom of a large brown pile some potatoes on to

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[Purp]ose of the school is to [expose] children of grades 1-6 [and 7-]9 to experiences which develop positive self-awareness. This spring the lower grades will explore other ethnic, national and religious cultures. The junior highs will engage in a curriculum on feelings with emphasis on identity, sexuality and growing up.

Arts and crafts, music, drama, films, exposure trips and Bible studies will be used to expand the topics of study.

The spring semester will begin on Feb. 10 and extend through May 26. It will be held each Wednesday with an after school meeting from 3 to 5 for children in grades 1-6 and a dinner meeting from 5:30 - 7:30 pm for the junior highs.

Tuition is $25 per semester, with allowance made when more than one child in a family is enrolled. Some scholarships are available in special cases.

Jim Wolfe, associate minister of education and other members of his staff would be happy to talk about the program. Jim Wolfe may be reached at 843-4160; or contact the Montclair Presbyterian church located at 5701 Thornhill drive, 339-1131.

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Elections hold hope

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the 17-room mansion which dazzles all who see it, remains recluse and idle. The city manager's office has the key and only select people can get inside for a look at the vast lawns and gardens which are tended by city gardeners.

When it was suggested the park should be used and preserved, the matter was turned over to the city manager for recommendations on its use.

Now it has been disclosed that the city manager has been negotiating with developers to sell the whole piece off.

COMMUNITY NON-INVOLVEMENT

There is a policy of community non-involvement in Oakland.

Councilmen seem to prefer that the city manager do the work. After all, that is what they pay him for. But more than that, there is a possibility that the council will lose control of a situation if there are citizens involved.

Even when the law dictates community involvement, such as with federally-funded projects, the council is wary and would like to stack committees with citizens who share their own viewpoints.

Getting the federal buck is a major goal. The principal concern is for City Center Project, a six-block renewal project for downtown Oakland.

The council bows down before City Center project as if it were an Icon. Councilmen feel this will lead to a "rebirth" of the downtown area, as well it might. On the other hand, it might lead to a six-block hole in the ground because the developer has yet to announce firm commitments from future tenants. Even the mayor admitted it was a gamble to begin demolition before the commitments were firm.

The council has promised a $20 million dollar contribution to the project to build parking for 3,600 cars, although by the time the center is completed a BART station will be spilling out passengers on the doorstep.

"Given the fact that over two-thirds of Oakland's businesses are owned by persons who live outside of Oakland's community, the assumption that heads of commerce would change their hiring policies to improve the welfare of Oakland's residents is dubious."

Councilmen always stand ready to help downtown business even though most of the businesses are owned by outside interests. For instance, the council has allocated funds to the downtown merchants for many years to pay for Christmas street decorations. Neighborhood business districts, however, must scrounge among their own merchants for decoration money.

Another issue which turns out the people is "turnkey" housing, which is public housing. When Oakland voters approved 2,500 units of public housing a few years ago, it was specified that the units be scattered to eliminate concentrations of units which have blighted many cities. But the units have not been scattered. They are concentrated in a belt above east 14th street and below MacArthur boulevard because of city zoning laws and land costs.

"Why have so many (housing) units been demolished and so few built? Why does it take so long to build housing in West Oakland when aircraft carriers can be put together at the rate of one a week? Why is so little money allocated to build housing for a poor family and so much allocated to pay welfare (subsidies) to a rich farmer? Why is low-rent housing being replaced with high-rent housing? Who profits from these deals?"

The end result has been a school and recreation crisis in East Oakland neighborhoods. The Oakland city council, however, does not see this as its problem. Councilmen prefer to say this terrible situation is caused by the Housing Authority or even the voters who approved the housing. They have refused to provide any leadership, saying the Housing Authority and the schools are autonomous and isn't that too bad.

IT'S THE SYSTEM

Councilmen would like people to believe they are helpless to provide leadership because the system ties their hands.

Under the city manager-council form of government, the manager and the council can pass the buck interminably, and they do. So when citizens look for leadership they find none. The system does not permit leadership from its politicians.

Now, in an apparent last-minute frenzy over the up-coming election, the council and the mayor are considering a ballot proposal that the mayor be full time with a full-time salary. Indications are they also may propose making councilmen full time.

However, once before when the full time mayor proposal was on the ballot, the mayor and council took little interest in seeing the measure passed.

"Oakland's unemployment rate . . . is still double the national average. The percentage of unemployed in East and West Oakland flatlands is three times higher than the rate in the Oakland hills."

CRIME IS A PROBLEM

The mayor and council regard crime as the most serious problem in Oakland. They were perturbed that F.B.I. statistics for 1969 placed Oakland as having the highest crime rate for a city its size in the country.

Their own police chief, Charles Gain, said without equivocation that the crime rate will remain high until underlying social causes—poverty and unemployment —are corrected.

"Over 51 per cent of Oakland jobs are held by non-residents; over 75 per cent of Oakland jobs which pay over $10,000 yearly are held by non-residents. Over 3,000 young applicants did not get 1969 NYC summer jobs because the federal government did not provide enough money and the Oakland City Council did nothing. Racial discrimination continues to persist as a fundamental cause of unemployment and underemployment in Oakland."

The council's only affirmative response was to suggest a $25,000 reward be posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone killing a policeman.

But only a few months ago, when an Oakland police officer was killed in a gun fight, only one councilman, George Vukasin, attended the funeral of the slain man.

***Quotations in italics were taken from a publication *Discover the friendly city—Oakland* issued last year by the Oakland Economic Development Council, Inc.**

Museum books silent films

Rare silent films made in the San Francisco bay area will be featured in the Oakland museum's free Sunday film program during February.

The complete February schedule:

Sunday, Feb. 7 – Laurel and Hardy in "Finishing Touch"; Bert Lahr in "No More West"; an animated film, "History of the Cinema"; Fernando Mercade, Oakland Artist"; and de Daunant's haunting "Dream of Wild Horses."

Sunday, Feb. 14 – W. C. Fields in the classic "Fatal Glass of Beer"; Harold Lloyd in "Spring Fever"; an early Mickey Mouse cartoon; "The Top," animated film by Teru Murakami; "Sunday Lark," an experimental film by Sanford Semel; and "Bert Pumphrey, Pleasanton Artist."

Sunday, Feb. 28 – Buster Keaton's hilarious chase short "Cops"; the Marx Brothers in "The Incredible Jewel Robbery"; a Betty Boop cartoon; Lee Boltin's "Jail Keys Made Here"; Arthur Lipsett's "Very Nice, Very Nice"; and "Benny Bufano Lithographs."

The museum lecture hall if off the corridor leading into the main lobby which faces the 10th street entrance.

The Oakland museum is located at 10th and Oak streets. It is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am [...] remaining open [...] Fridays. The muse[um ...] Monday.

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City council

by PEGGY STINNETT

You'll be able to see billboards from BART

Oakland city councilmen have given tentative approval to a BART billboard ordinance which the city's planning director calls the "weakest of any city along the route."

But approval of the ordinance was a victory of sorts. An alternative seriously considered by the council was one written by the billboard industry itself.

The council decision came during a high-pitched work session last Thursday afternoon. It has taken three years to get this far.

The ordinance favored by the majority of councilmen does not prohibit any billboards along the BART routes in Oakland; it simply requires that any billboard "primarily viewable" from BART be subject to design review, according to Norman Lind, planning director.

Lind and the planning commission chairman, Bestor Robinson, had favored a more stringent wording, "readily visible" for the ordinance.

"Primarily viewable" means a billboard was designed especially to capture the view of BART riders; "readily visible" means a rider on BART can see the sign even though it may not have been intended to be seen.

As for the ordinance proposed by the billboard industry, ironically, says Lind, that ordinance was more stringent than the one favored by councilmen.

A heated exchange highlighted the meeting when Councilman Harvey Binns challenged John Sutter, attorney and conservationist, who is opposing Binns in the municipal election.

Sutter was asking for more control over the billboard industry when Binns produced greatly enlarged photographs taken of Sutter's campaign signs which have appeared throughout the city.

Binns displayed the photographs and told Sutter: "You're a hypocrite." Sutter returned: "Are those billboards?" referring to the "snipe" sign. He said the firm which placed the signs is the same one Binns used in the last election.

Binns asked: "How can he talk about such things (as billboard control) when he does this?"

Mayor John Reading brought the outburst under control warning "If you can't keep to the subject we'll adjourn the meeting."

Back to the billboard control ordinance, Binns suggested the solution would be to simply add the phrase "rapid transit" to a city ordinance which controls billboards along freeways.

Billboard industry spokesmen readily agreed they would have no objection to that but Planning Director Lind said he was definitely opposed to that solution.

"This has been a very poor and unworkable ordinance," he said. "It's not enforced and our freeways are lined with violations. To use the same ordinance would say we don't want control of billboards along BART."

Binns asked why the ordinance is not being enforced and Lind said bluntly "because of council decision."

"We're telling the law to look the other way?" asked Binns.

"In my opinion, yes," Lind replied.

Planning Commission Chairman Robinson argued for an ordinance which would control billboards so the views of the hills and the bay will not be obstructed.

PEGGY STINNETT appears on the nightly Tuck & Fortner Report 10 pm Channel 2, KTVU

He said he felt it "unthinkable" that the council would adopt the industry's ordinance. "To have the industry come up with the ordinance which controls it."

The industry spokesmen said billboards have been unjustly accused of being "anti-ecology." Fred Edmonds, an electrical sign contractor, said the industry has tried to be sensitive to the community.

The council decided the ordinance should spell out that business identification signs are permitted.

In the end, the majority determined to approve the ordinance drafted by the city attorney's office which uses the disputed "primarily viewable" wording.

The fight may not be over yet. The ordinance will come up for formal approval in about a week. Oakland is the last city along BART routes to approve a billboard control ordinance.

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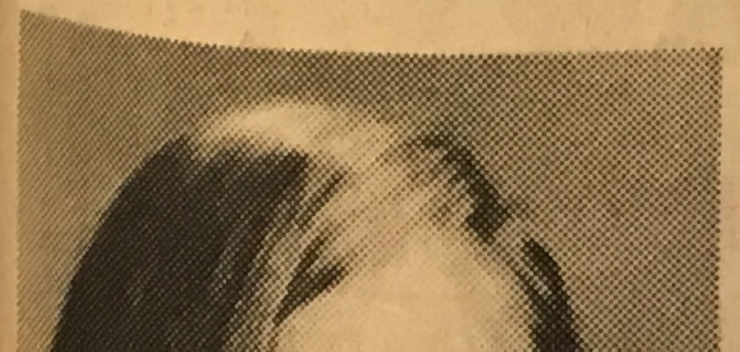

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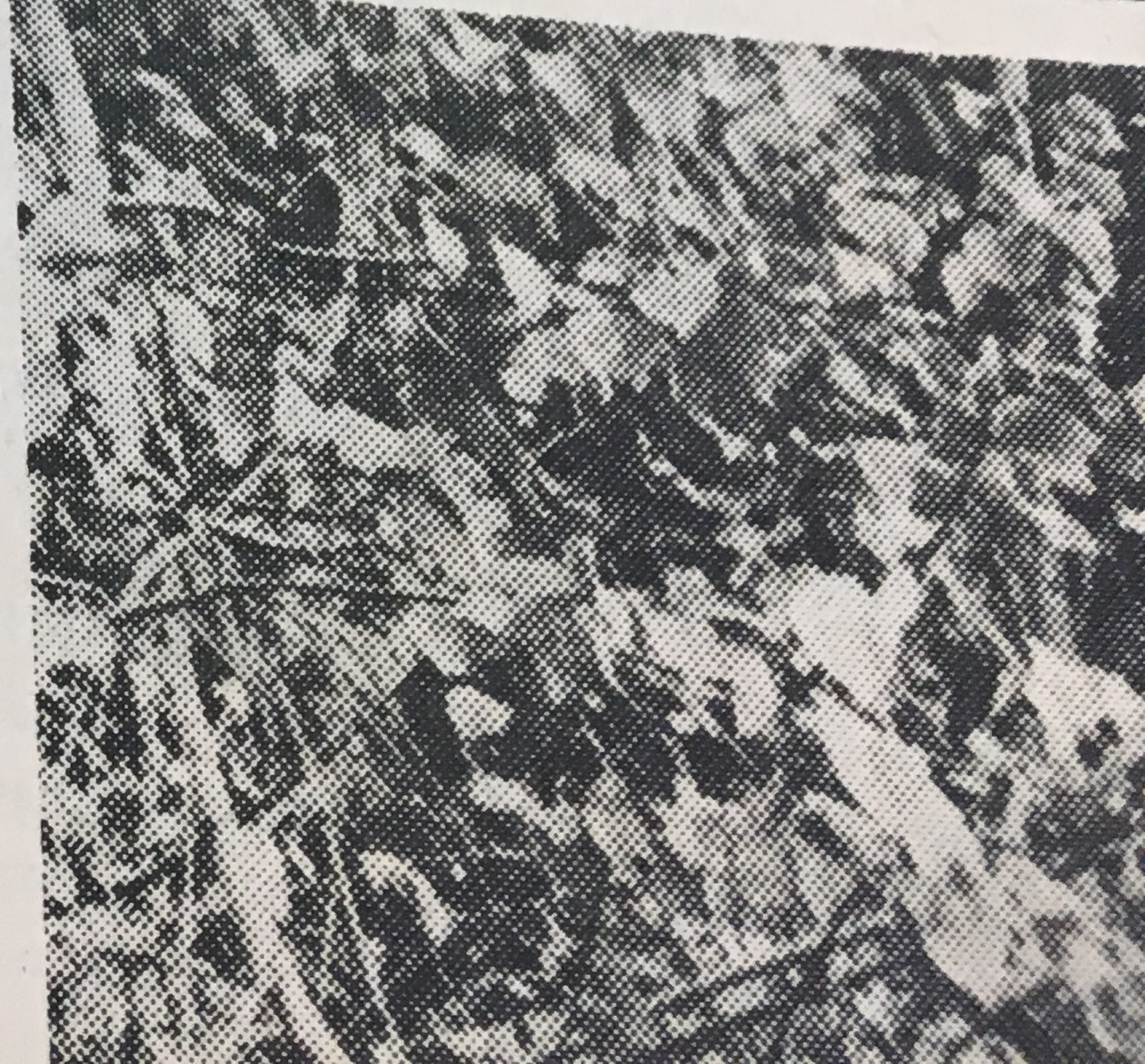

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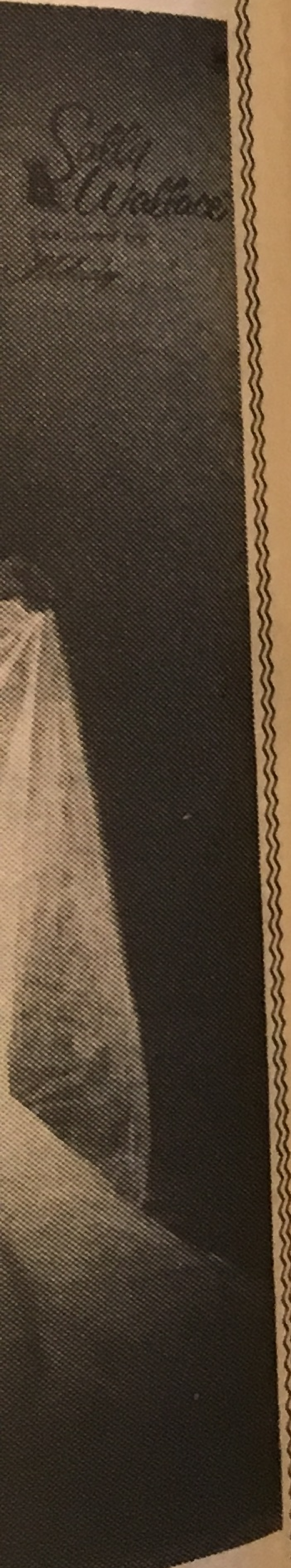

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Feb. 8. The board of education has not discussed the matter in an open meeting.

The complaint about behavior at OAL basketball games came from Mrs. L. R. Zlokovich of Mountaingate way, who wrote two letters, one on Jan. 20 to the principal of Oakland high school, and a second to the board of education and the superintendent on Feb. 6.

Mrs. Zlokovich told the board she was "alarmed by the condition of mob action which prevails after the games."

"I have been attending Skyline games for the past two years," she explained. "This year the situation has deteriorated greatly. The five games this year have produced one full-fledged riot, two near riots and the fourth, a high level of tenseness with individual harassment and extortion."

She asked for "clarification of the goals and the programs to implement the goals which

DOOMED! — This wooded creek bed may be culverted and covered with asphalt to provide a parking lot. North Oakland residents are putting up a battle to save it.

A creek or a parking lot?

A fight to keep an urban nature spot

North Oakland residents are in a battle to save a little bit of nature in their neighborhood.

Situated on the north corner of Miles and Cavour streets, it is an area of tall trees, greenery and a free-flowing creek, only half the size of a city block. But its beauty is singular.

The parcel is scheduled to be condemned and acquired by the California state department of motor vehicles for a parking lot.

The Temescal Park '71 committee reports that the property was originally purchased for development of a convalescent hospital with plans to leave a substantial number ot trees and in effect to retain the woodsy setting.

However, after cutbacks in Medi-Cal, apparently plans for the hospital faded and the next thing the committee learned was the state was planning to condemn the parcel for a parking lot.

The committee contacted State Senator Nicholas Petris asking him to write to Verne Orr, chairman of the state public works board, to request a halt of the purchase until studies were conducted to alternative methods for solving the parking problem.

Orr asked for feasability studies from the DMV on alternative parking solutions. The studies have not yet been completed but the department of motor vehicles is now proceeding to condemn and buy the land.

The Temescal Park '71 committee was originally involved in saving Temescal Creek from a proposed Alameda County Flood Control district "improvement," culverting and covering the creek.

The group is getting full support from Senator Petris and Assemblyman Ken Meade. Also joining in the effort is Mrs. Betty Ann Bruno, city council candidate, who was to hold a press conference this Monday to stimulate additonal support for Temescal park '71.

Mrs. Mary Heylin of 484 Cavour street is also asking for public support to save the property from an asphalt solution.

"The time is now for people to become aware of their environment, their city, their neighborhood, A place to start is with this last area of north Oakland which to some extent is natural," said Mrs. Heylin.

Letters to Senator Petris, Assemblyman Meade, at the state capital, or to the state public works board, 915 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, are in order. Or interested persons may contact Mrs. Heylin at 658-8911.

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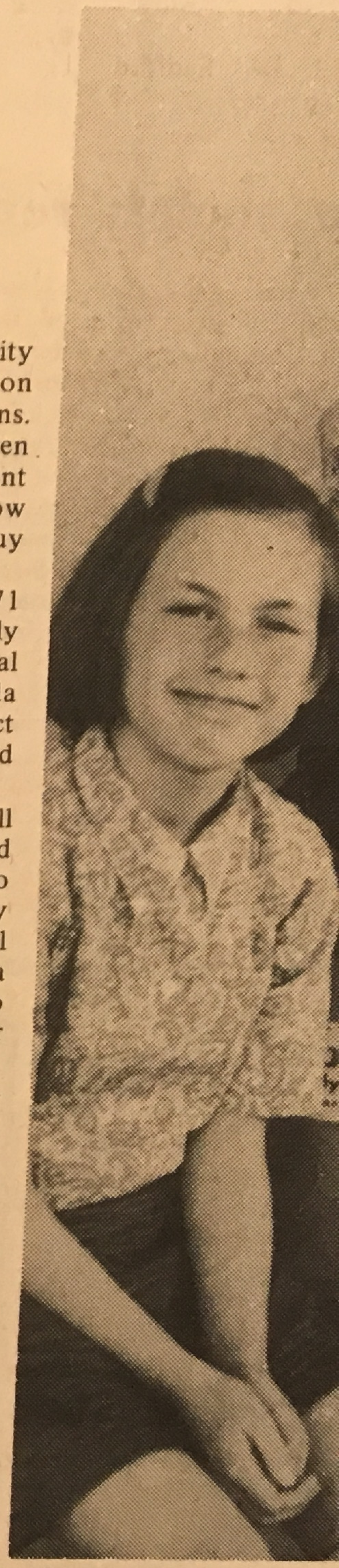

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BY FRED GRAESER

SURVEY

The big survey blank put in The Montclarion by a merchant/property owner to find out what kinds of businesses or services people in the community would like to see established in the Village has drawn an amazing response.

Literally hundreds of these blanks have been filled out and returned.

One of them was a gem. The respondent had written his comment as follows:

"Community needs good saloon, pool hall, bowling alley, porno book shop and more centrally located Christian Science reading room."

REALIZATION

When a man or woman reaches a certain age and suddenly incurs a more or less crippling ailment of any kind, the pain isn't the most important handicap.

According to a physician I know, it's the realization of your vulnerability.

Most everyone goes through life securely confident of his immortality — death or crippling injury will only happen to someone else, not you.

Adn then it hits you. And you begin to realize that you, too, have a number and when will it come up?

I have had a sore leg for several weeks and that's exactly how it hit me: I, too, am destructible.

GOOD SERVICE

Some people I know have a sure fire way of getting absolutely tip top service everywhere they travel.

They travel as newlyweds.

GUEST EDITORIAL

I am indebted to Milford Poltroon, editor of the Wretched Mess News, for this inspirational suggestion:

"If you ask that your ashes be scattered, when you depart this Vale of Tears, on the surface of a river, lake, or other body of water, you will be actively contributing to the already enormous water pollution problem that exists today.

"If, on the other hand, you arrange to be planted, you will be uselessly taking up precious space that might otherwise be given over to alfalfa, popcorn or some other worthwhile crop.

"The Wretched Mess News earnestly recommends that you consider the merits of recycling yourself. Write today to the fertilizer company of your choice and arrange that when your early existence comes to its conclusion, you may help a rose, rutabaga or some other nice thing to grow and live."

Milford has contributed a Handy Survival Hint which I recommend to One & All:

"Over the centuries, fishermen have learned that when they are out in wilderness areas in sub-zero temperatures, they often get cold. Many have learned that one way to overcome this unpleasant sensation is by means of heat, h-e-a-t. Science has proved that heat may be produced by electric blankets, fresh cooked oatmeal and diggety dogs. (It is from the latter that today's popular expression, HOT DIGGETY DOG, arose). Heat can be also produced by "fire" but it takes matches to start one, and the waterproof match containers carried by fishermen always leak. (Wet matches will not ignite). Thus the wise fisherman stays home and watches football on television."

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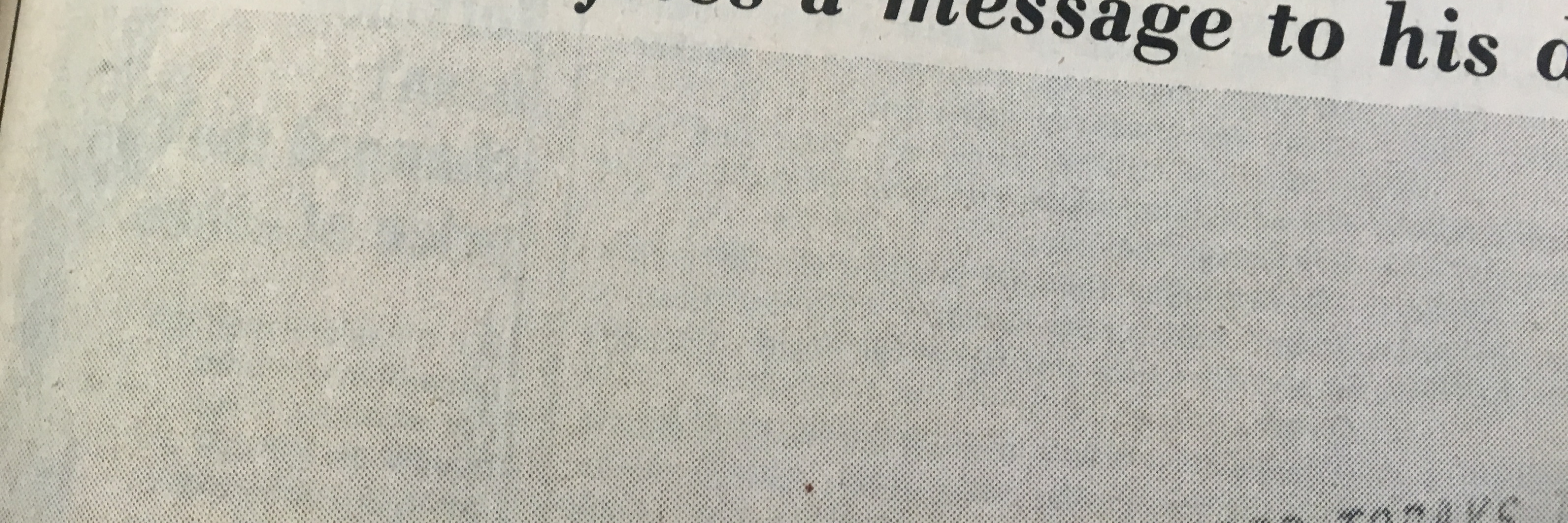

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Close vote rules out public hearing on southern crossing

Five of Oakland's city council members oppose holding a public hearing to find out what the citizens think of the controversial southern crossing.

The remaining four members would favor a public hearing, if only to hear the public's sentiments.

Mayor John Reading, who opposed a public hearing, strongly favors the bay span and testified before a state assembly transportation committee to that effect last Thursday afternoon.

In the morning at the city council meeting the request for a public hearing was made by John Sutter, conservation leader and council candidate. He was joined by Mrs. Barbara Stone of Burdeck drive, representing the Bay chapter, Sierra club.

On a motion to hold a public hearing, made by Councilman Felix Chialvo, councilmen voted as follows: No–Harvey Binns, Paul Brom, Raymond Eng and Fred Maggiora; Yes–Chialvo, Frank Ogawa, Joshua Rose and George Vukasin. The motion failed.

Urged by the speakers to hold the hearing, Chialvo said he saw no harm in holding a public hearing, however "everything I've heard so far indicates the southern crossing would be good for the city of Oakland."

Still, he added, "I wouldn't want anyone to think I have a closed mind. We could have a public hearing so ideas could be submitted pro or con."

Councilman Maggiora, who lated voted against the motion, said he's go along with the hearing, "if we just let them come in with only the things that would be bad for the city."

Mayor Reading said the council couldn't hold a hearing to hear only the "negatives."

Mrs. Stone opened the question by asking the council: "Just who does want it? Oakland seems to be the only city."

She warned that the total affect on the environment by construction of the bay span is not known.

She pointed out that conditions have changed drastically since the first studies of the bridge were made 20 years ago.

"I don't see how the council can stand on a position based on studies made 20 years ago."

Mayor Reading told Mrs. Stone he realized the southern crossing is "controversial." "There are good arguments on both sides, but I don't think there's a chance of a public hearing, not at this stage."

Attorney Sutter reiterated Mrs. Stone's request, urging the council to abandon its support of the crossing.

"The southern crossing would link three cities – Oakland, Alameda and San Francisco. All three originally supported the project, but only Oakland does now. The time has come for this council to reexamine its position, as have Alameda and San Francisco," said Sutter.

"The southern crossing will waft new layers of smog into Oakland, which is downwind from the proposed bridge. Moreover, Oakland, as the hub of BART, should support BART,not foster competition to it. The new bridge would divert commuters from rapid transit to cars.

"Surely the half billion dollars needed to build the crossing can be better spent for other transportatin uses, such as building BART extensions to Oakland and other airports."

"It's not too late to act," said Sutter, noting that the decision of the toll bridge authority to favor the construction is not necessarily final in view of widespread legislative opposition to the project.

Sutter reported that other cities in the bay area have decided to reevaluate their position.

"My feeling is the city should ask a delay until BART is constructed."

Former State Senator Lewis Sherman conducted a poll, asking people what they thought of the southern crossing, said Sutter, and the results showed by far the majority felt there should be a delay in its construction or it should be abandoned.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT TO ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

That afternoon Mayor Reading told the state assembly transportation committee that the southern crossing has "developed into an embroiled mass of emotions, with conflicting views, irrational statements and diversionary tactics far removed from the problem at hand."

BART will not reduce congestion sufficiently, according to studies, said the mayor, and the southern crossing is needed to move goods and services to be delivered by truck.

"Transportation is defined as the movement of people and goods. Transit moves some people but does not move goods or services," said the mayor. "We are not talking simply of people movement."

Councilman Harvey Binns recently proposed that Oakland engage in litigation if San Francisco tries to block the construction of the bay span.

Binns said he feels Mayor Joseph Alioto is being "narrow minded and selfish" in "attempting to stunt the growth of the east bay cities."

"The southern crossing bridge would be a tremendous convenience for thousands of people who commute from the east bay to the peninsula and Hunter's point. There is no question it would be a boon to the Oakland airport."

ALL IS NOT LOST

Following the council action, conservation forces began planning another assault on the city council to persuade them a public hearing should be held on the southern crossing.

Persons who would like the council to hold a public hearing on the crossing should write the City Council, City Hall, Oakland 94612.

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Anna Head to accept boys Sept.

Formation of a new preparatory school for boys was announced last week by the Anna Head school on Lincoln avenue.

The new boys' school will operate separately but in coordination with the 85-year old girls' institution, according to the announcement by San Francisco attorney Hart H. Spiegel, chairman of Head's board of trustees.

Spiegel said classes will begin in September in remodeled facilities on two acres of land adjacent to the girls' campus at 4315 Lincoln avenue.

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BY FRED GRAESER

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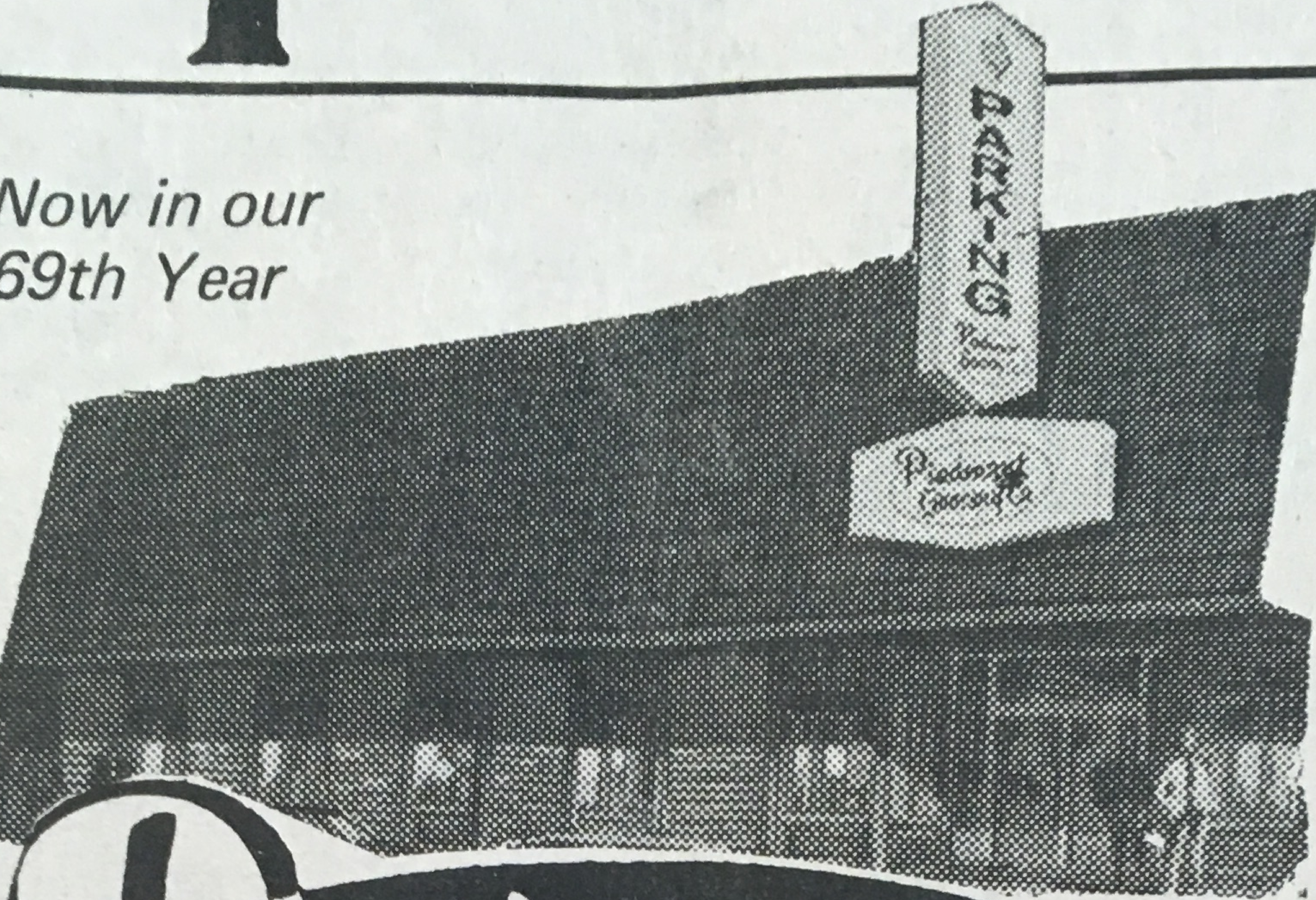

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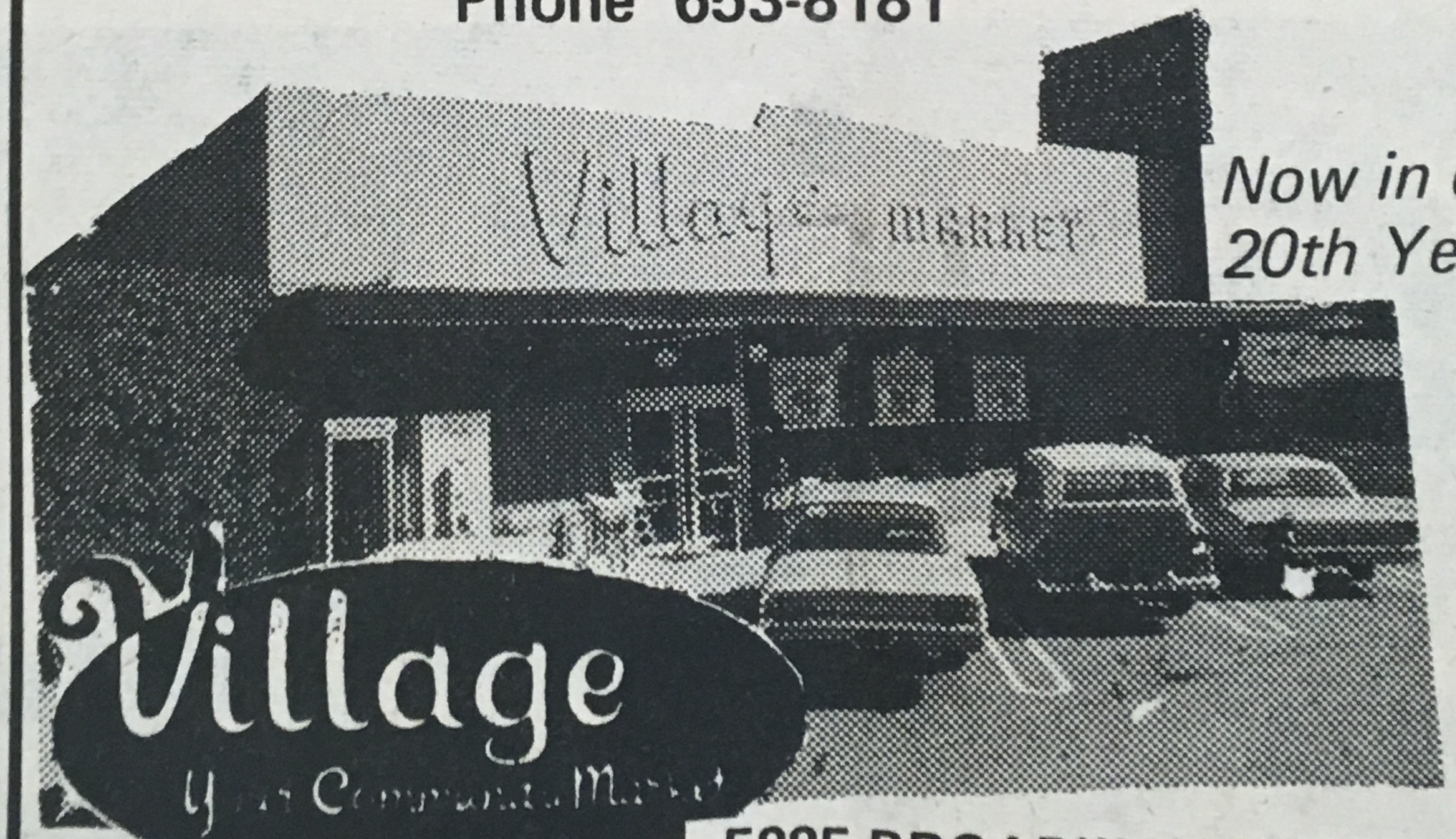

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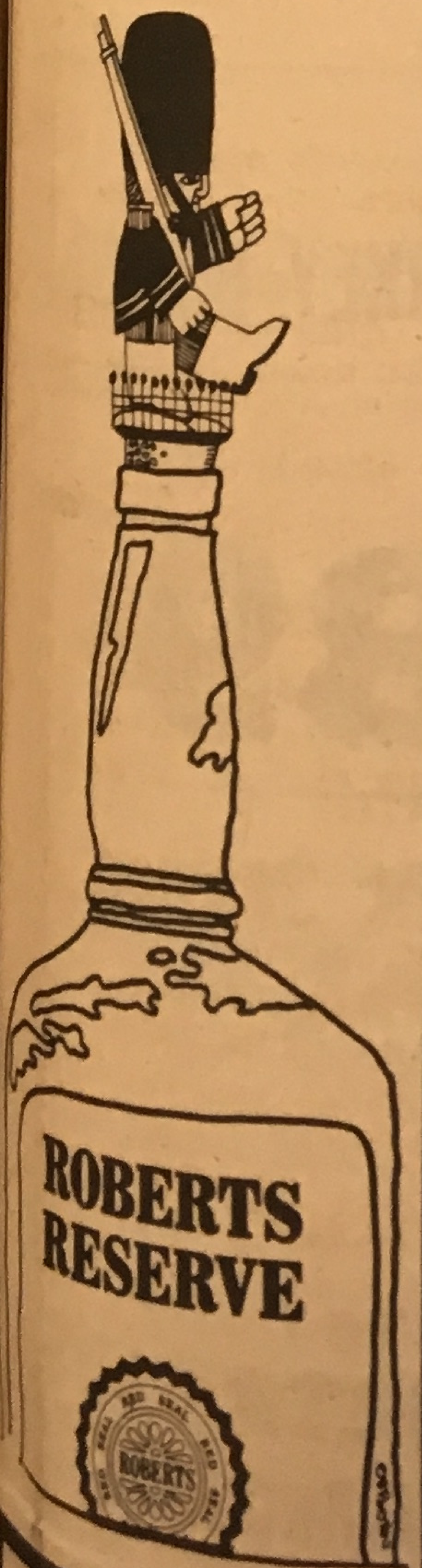

David Tucker names co-chairman

David S. Tucker, Jr., candidate for Oakland school director, district four, in the April 20 election, has named two prominent Oakland civic leaders as co - chairmen for his campaign committee: Lillian Love and Tom Louderback.

Lillian Love is president of the Oak Center neighborhood association; member of OCCUR; director, Council of Social Planning; and a member of the Oakland Redevelopment agency for 3½ years.

Louderback is a member of the board of directors of: Easter Seal society of Alameda county, the Oakland Raiders booster club, the Gentlemen Chefs of Oakland, and is Fund Raising chairman for the Boy Scouts of America.

Rally-party for Eng

More than 500 people, including city and county officials, are expected to attend a campaign rally on Sunday, April 4, to support Dr. Raymond Eng's candidacy for re-election to the Oakland city council.

The gala affair, which will be held at the Sequoia lodge, 2666 Mountain blvd., will feature champagne cocktails and exotic Chinese buffet dinner from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. Guests may bring their children, and there will be free balloons for the kiddies.

Emmett Kilpatrick, Eng's campaign chairman, stated that this will be an all-out effort to get attendance from many of those interested in retaining a man with proven integrity and experience to serve the people of Oakland on the city council.

Anyone interested in making reservations should call Henry Chang, 832-5816.

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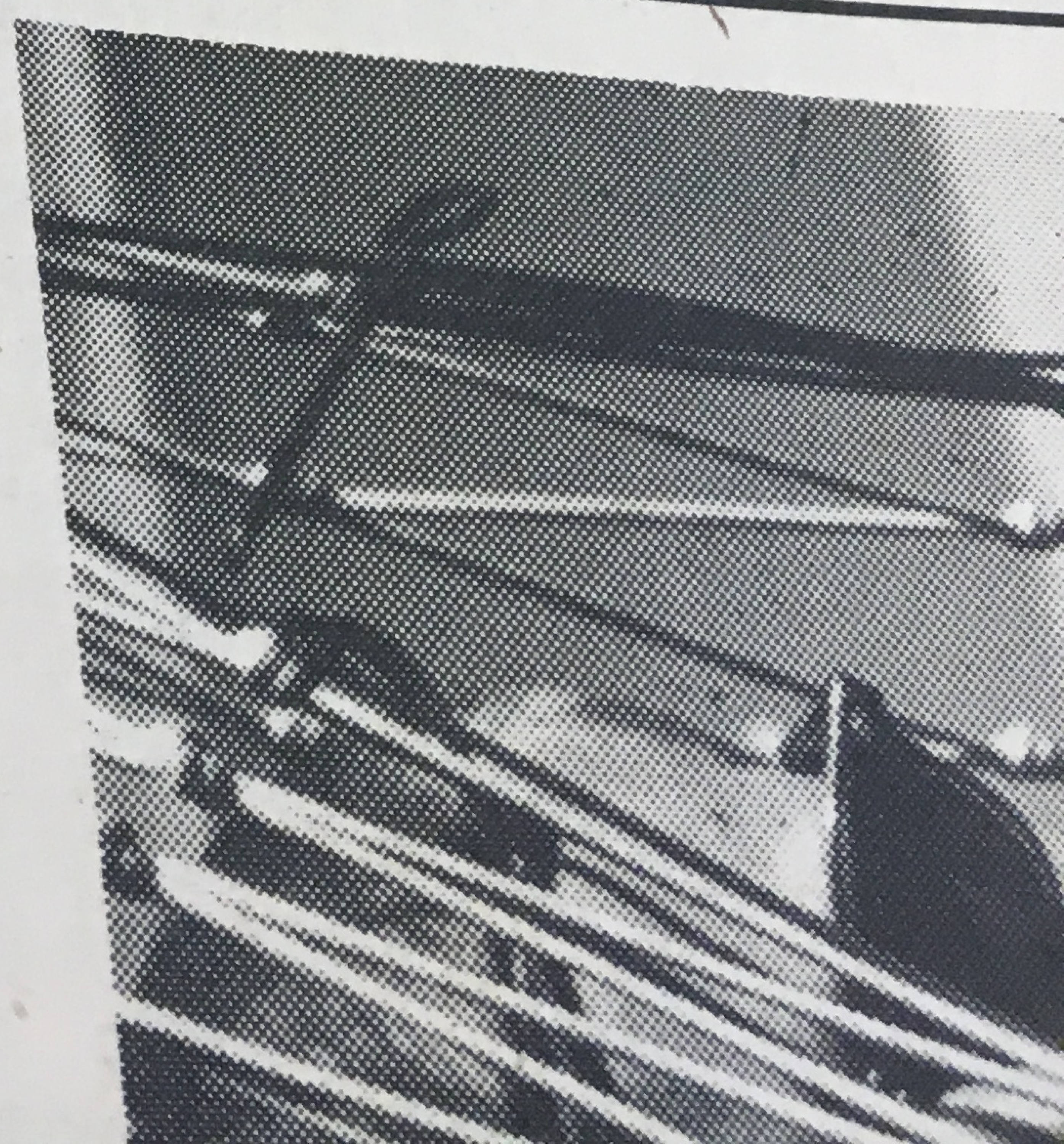

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Temescal seeks council help to preserve neighborhood park land

Temescal '71, a group organized to save a natural beauty spot on Temescal creek at Miles avenue and Cavour streets, is asking the city council for help.

The three-quarters of an acre is privately owned property about to be acquired by the state department of motor vehicles for expansion of a parking lot.

The area is a wooded creek setting blessed with tall trees, plant life and a free flowing stream. The residents don't want the area to adjoin an asphalt parking lot.

The group began its efforts several months ago when they persuaded the Alameda County Flood Control district to change plans to culvert the creek and instead build a small linear park.

But in the midst of negotiations with the flood control district, they learned that a large parcel of land adjacent to the creek was about to be purchased by the state for a parking lot.

Last Tuesday night, Mrs. Betty Ann Bruno, candidate for the city council seat in that district, appealed to the incumbent council to act on behalf of the residents.

She pointed out that residents are very alarmed to hear the property may be lost as a spot of natural beauty forever.

"There are many good reasons why the city should look for ways to have a park created on this parcel," Mrs. Bruno told the council.

She asked that the city intercede by requesting the state department of public works not to acquire the property.

"We need a neighborhood park in the area," she said. "The only park in the area is Bushrod which serves a different need and is already crowded."

The city planning study "Options for Oakland" calls for the creek system in Oakland to be developed as green belts, said Mrs. Bruno.

The city could also pressure the flood control district to acquire the land for park purposes, which it could do under the act which established the district, Mrs. Bruno pointed out. Still another possibility would be an application for federal open space funds.

Senator Nicholas Petris has intervened, as has Assemblyman Ken Meade, to help at a state level, said Mrs. Bruno.

Councilman Harvey Binns took opportuniy of Mrs. Bruno's appearance to do some political needling.

"You've done so much research, Mrs. Bruno. Did you research what this might cost the taxpayers?"

When Mrs. Bruno did not give a precise answer, Binns grumbled, "So, you're making a political speech."

Mayor John Reading scolded Binns telling him he was out of order. "I don't think so," said Binns.

Later, Peter Heylin, 484 Cavour street, who lives across the street from the mini - park and who followed Mrs. Bruno to the speaker's roster, got the needle from Binns, too.

Heylin told the council some professors from Berkeley's University of California had used the area for nature study and in their explorations had found 58 species of birds in the small area.

Heylin said if need be, the residents would maintain the park but the city could maintain it for less than $8,000 a year, the cost of one gardener.

As for costs, the loss of the green area would be a loss in income because the disappearance of greenery in the city is driving people to move to Walnut Creek, said Heylin.

Director of Public Works James McCarty said he was familiar with the area and a meeting was scheduled this week between flood control and the DMV. McCarty said there is a park planned for under the freeway at Pardee and Claremont, just two blocks away.

"But that is under a freeway!" exclaimed Heylin.

McCarty suggested the matter be referred to the city manager. Assistant City Manager Cecil Riley indicated he would take it before the parks and recreation commission.

At this point, Councilman Binns asked Heylin, "Where did Berkeley fit into this? Why Berkeley?"

Heylin said there had been two landscaping professors from the University of California who had assigned the area as a class project.

"Why Berkeley?" asked Binns. "Has anybody from Oakland done that?"

"The University of Oakland?" asked Heylin incredulously.

Councilman Felix Chialvo said he knew about the area "before these people knew where Oakland is."

He said he had talked to the old - time residents of the area and their prime concern is Temescal Creek.

In 1962, Temescal creek flooded, he pointed out.

"They like parks, sure but there is no rush about this, contrary to what you hear. There's no urgency. The people just want to know they're safe. They want to be sure the park doesn't jeopardize the creek, or its original purpose."

He went on to say he has many old friends in the area, "not these two or three year people."

In fact, said Chialvo, he would like to see the names of the people on the committee.

In response, Mayor Reading asked Heylin to submit a roster of the committee members.

Councilman Raymond Eng asked about "the crime situation."

Heylin said the design would incorporate tall trees, good lighting and a wide open space, which probably would diminish crime.

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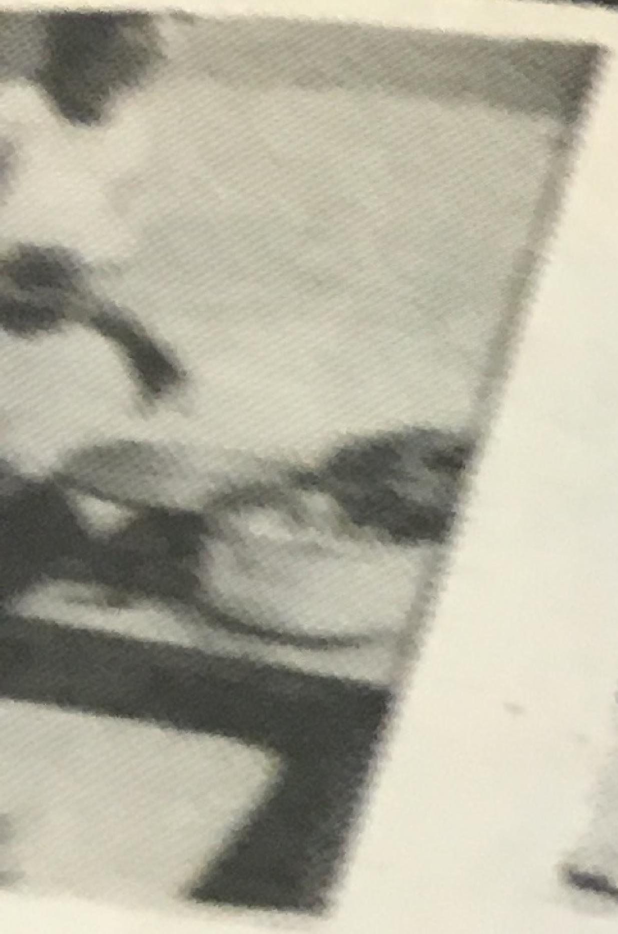

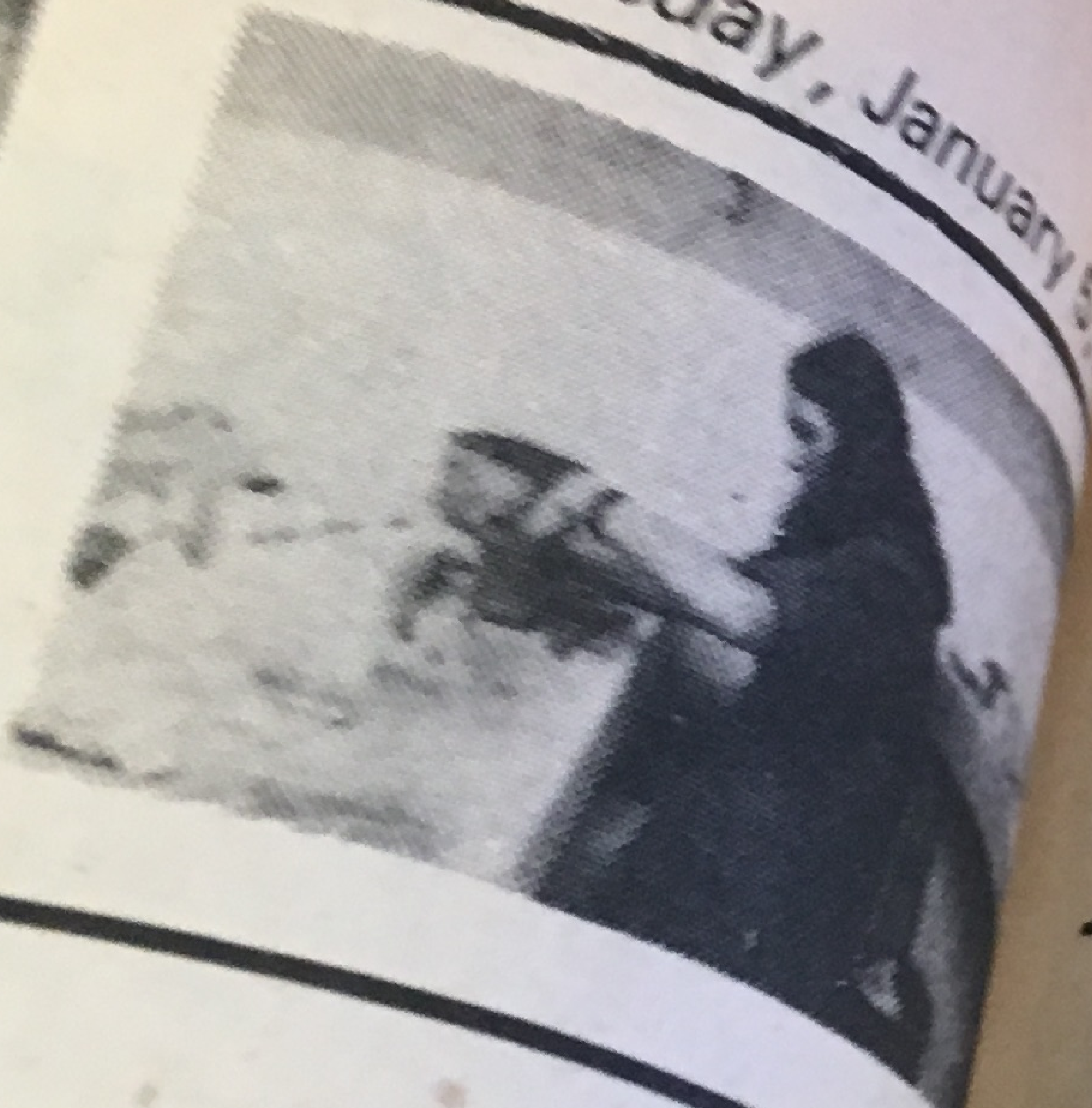

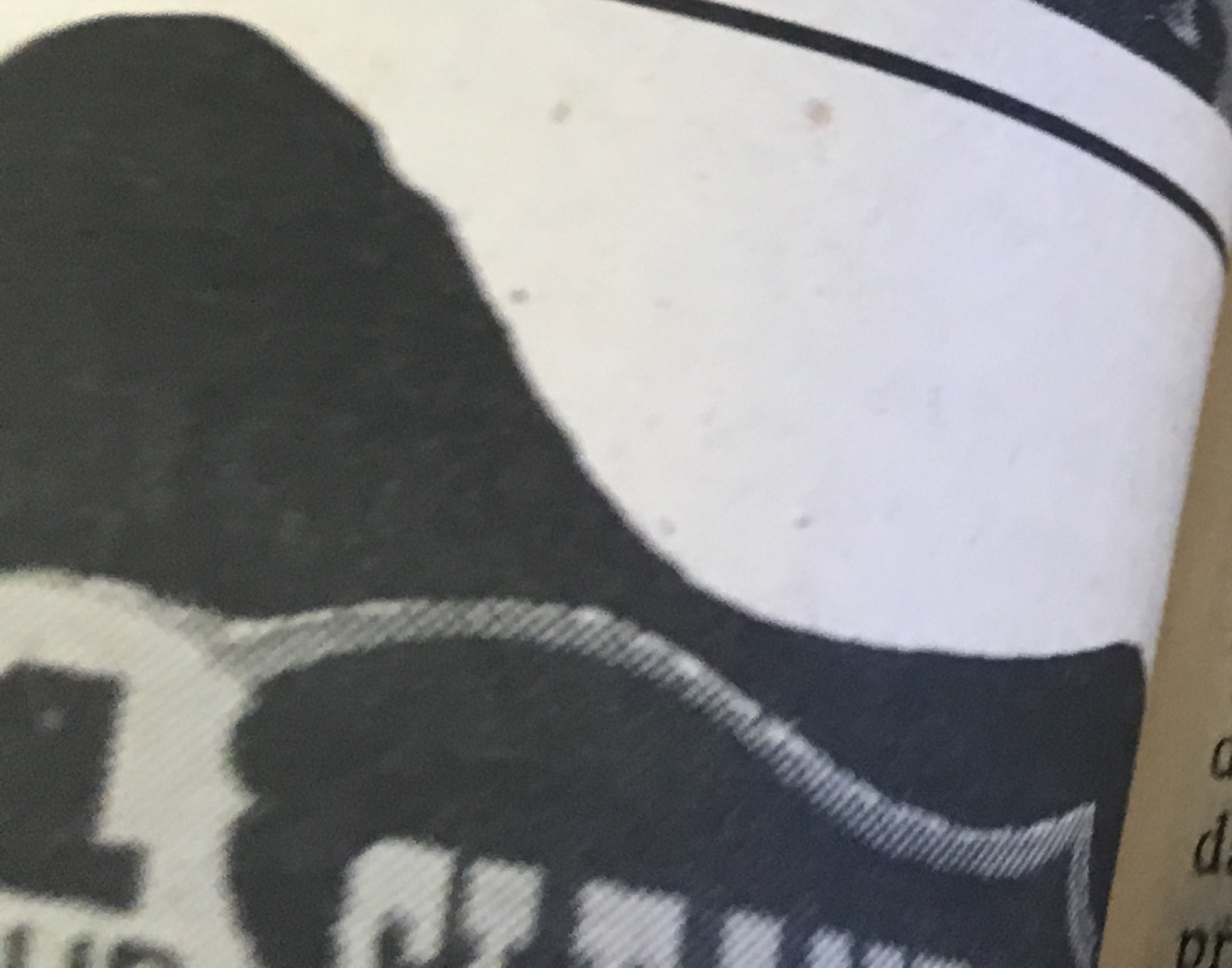

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Some of his neighbors, he said "are in their sunset years, to put it delicately," and sleep during the day. He went on to object to the proposed 15 to 20 [illegible]

Rose Luey of Sheffield avenue warned that parks in the area have "dangerous, unsolved problems" and referred to intimidation of younger kids by older ones, theft, robbery, purse snatching and a "climate of fear" in Di[illegible] park[illegible]

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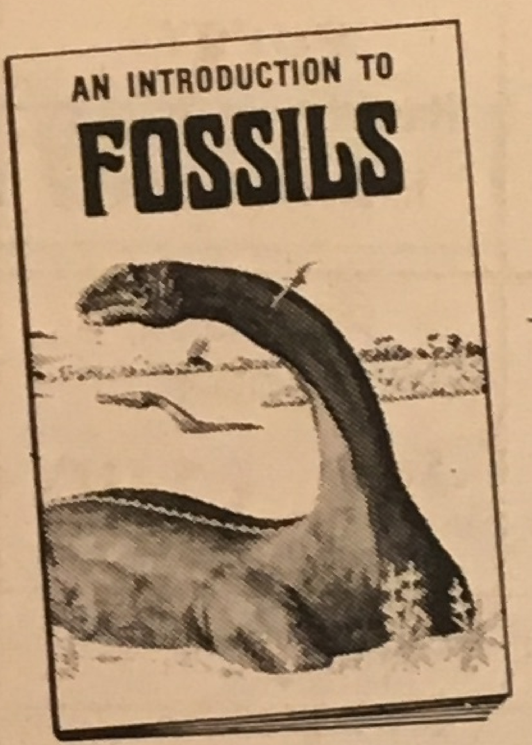

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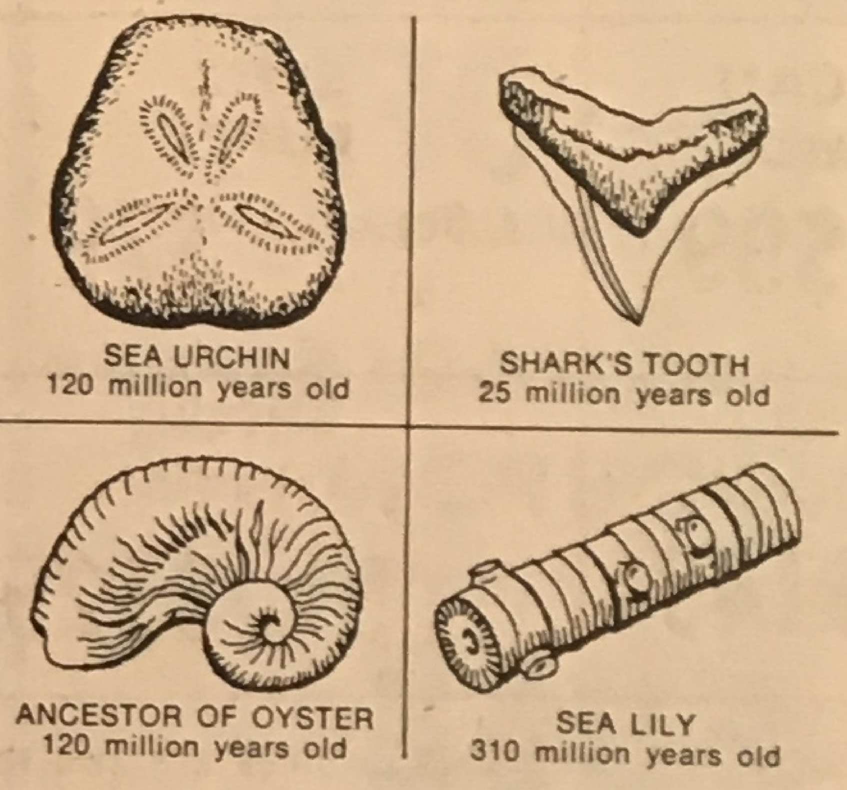

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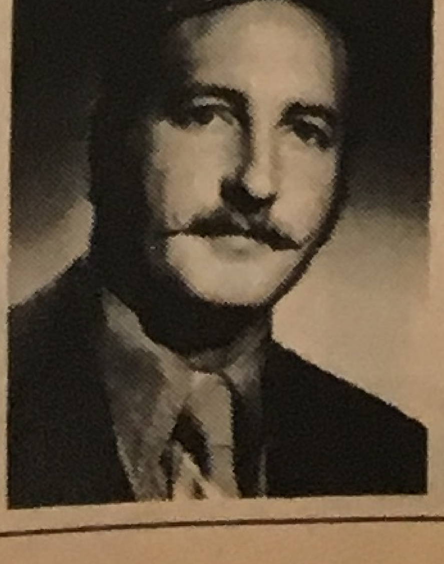

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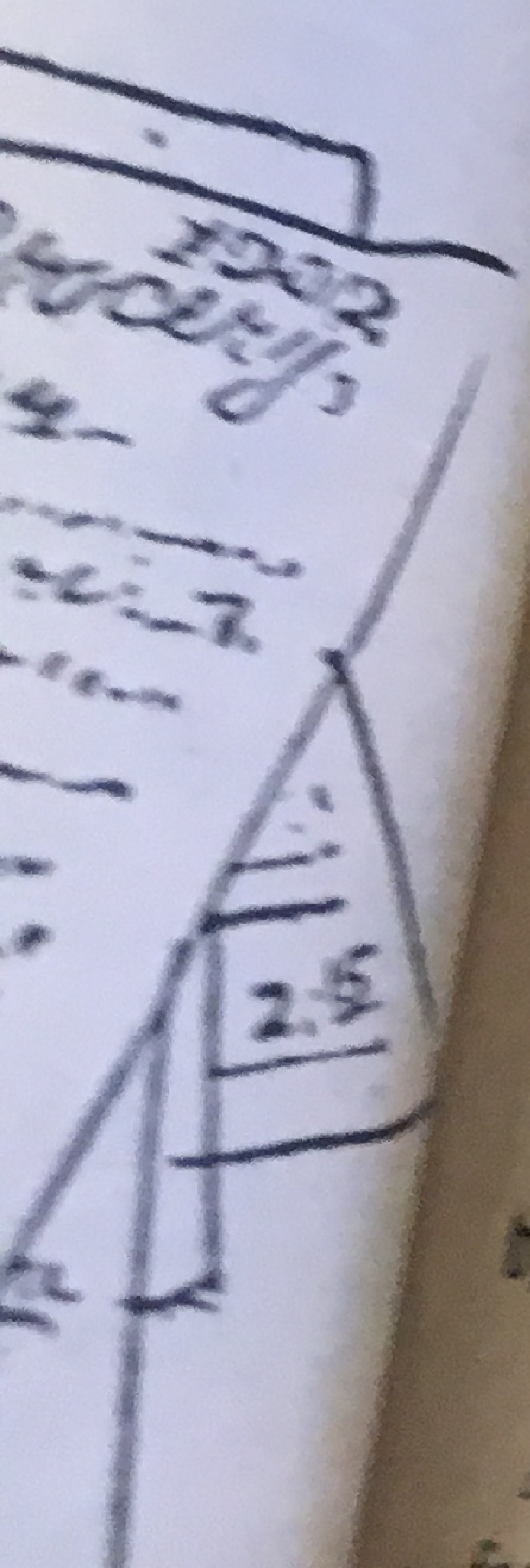

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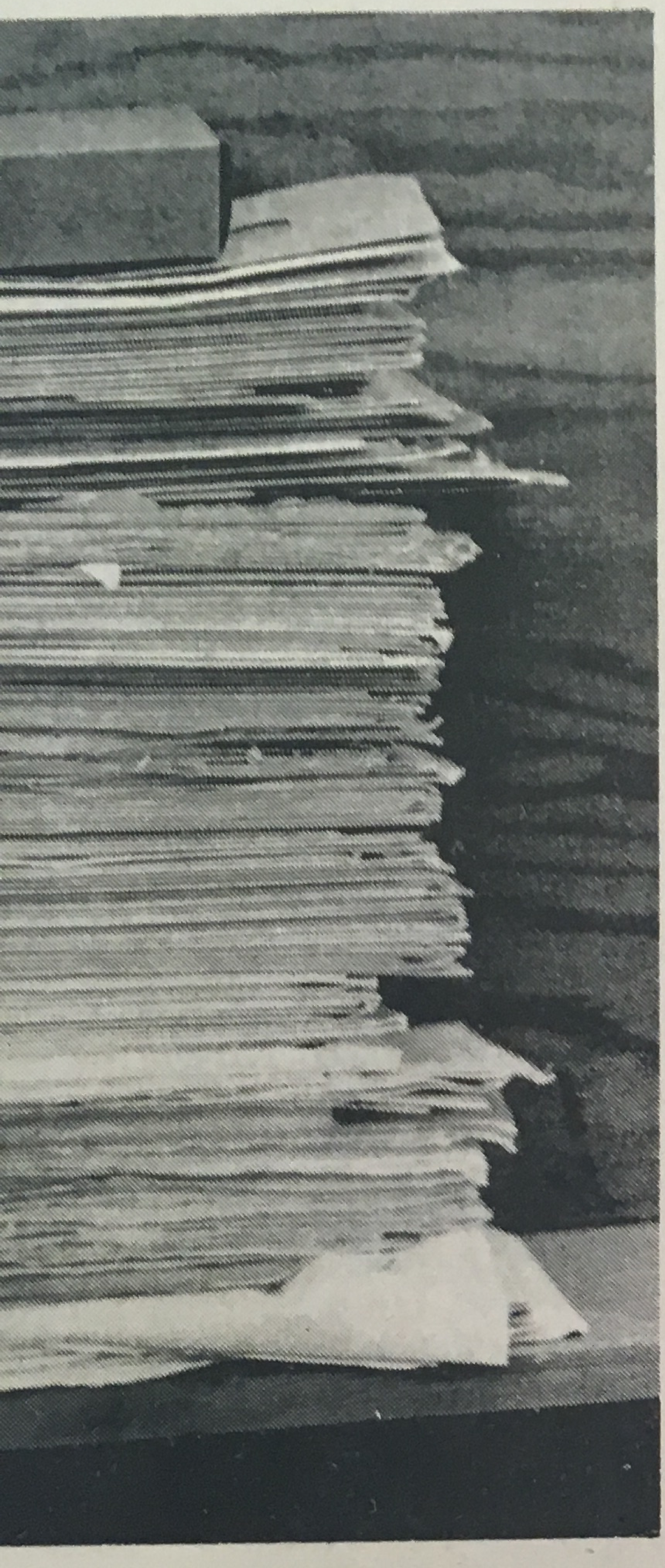

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City council faces decision on Skyline parkway

Oakland city councilmen will face a controversial decision on Tuesday night, January 18, when the Skyline Parkway proposal is scheduled to be on the agenda.

They'll decide whether or not the city will move ahead with a future alignment of Skyline blvd. which hill residents have indignantly protested in recent hearings before the planning commission.

The controversy will come to the council with a qualified endorsement of the planning commission to continue the project.

Basically, it recommends that the city council reaffirm the Skyline/Grizzly Peak "roadway" as an official scenic route and that the city continue to purchase land which would "endanger the implementation" of the present proposal.

The commission recommends it be the official policy of the city that the portion of Skyline north of Joaquin Miller road be no more than a two-lane street (one lane in each direction) but it does not state the width of the road. At present it is about 24 feet wide and very curvy.

The recommendations include one calling for a city "interdisciplinary team" to work with a citizens' transportation task force, which would be citywide and has not yet been formed.

The commission recommends a reevaluation of existing plans for the section of Skyline south of the planned extension of Keller avenue.

Also, the city should explore possible changes in zoning regulations which would add development controls on buildings abutting Skyline, north of Joaquin Miller road.

Further, the commission suggests police should more effectively enforce the traffic code as it relates to speed and noise on Skyline, particularly motorcycles.

The planning staff has prepared plenty of homework material for the city council. In a seven-page rundown of the problem, the staff points out that the city has been acquiring right-of-way since 1950, or earlier, as property became available with the idea of eventually straightening and improving the road.

While funds are not available now to make the improvements, the city continues to buy sites to protect the right of way.

In recent years, the city has acquired sites as they came in for building permits and it was this practice which eventually trained the public's eye on the whole proposal.

"This practice has generated a number of citizen inquiries and as there are no construction plans, a great number of specific questions cannot be answered," says the planning report. "As a result, a number of citizens have become alarmed that the city was acting without proper planning," says the report.

Citizens repeatedly told the planning commission they saw no need for straightening Skyline blvd. because it was already scenic and widening it would change it to a speedway.

The planning report states that a number of speakers who opposed the Skyline Parkway gave "the impression they consider Skyline a local street only and that it should not

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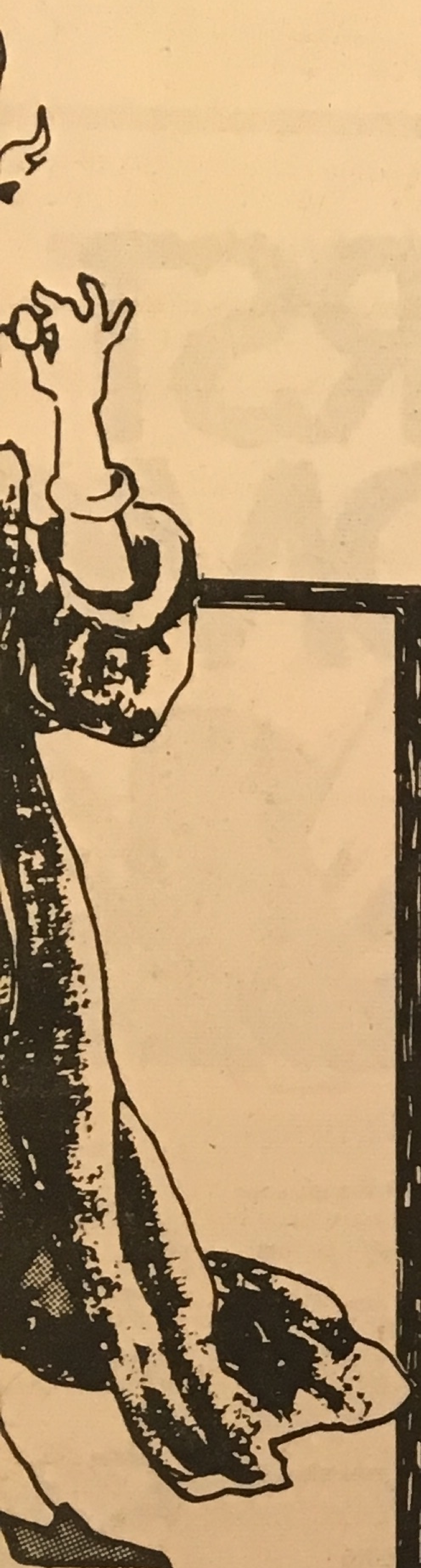

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language, that concerning the role of Redevelopment, was left to staff to work out. Meanwhile, Williams was meeting with city hall staff to protect his agency's functions, an important one being relocation which has traditionally been Redevelopment's job.

Working out the "annual arrangement" seemed to be, in fact, totally in staff's hands. It was obvious many of the councilmen, except for Councilman John Sutter, had not thoroughly read the document. Perhaps because they

been approved by the council" and noted that amendments may be made after council review.

Keithley called special attention to Oakland's fiscal problems noting that several requests for HUD funds are beyond those projected by HUD.

He stated that the extra funds were requested to "permit the process to work." "And to satisfy HUD's concerns with the city's administrative, monitoring and citizen participation structure as they would affect annual arrangements," he added.

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Observers who faithfully attended the hearings, on the other hand, get the impression that the protestors were plainly and simply against changing the character of Skyline because it is scenic now and is obviously in good use as a collector street for the parklands adjoining it.

The staff report comments that there are large parcels along Skyline "susceptible" for planned unit development, in the segment north of Joaquin Miller road, apparently a reason for improving the road.

The report states that Skyline blvd. "should be made available to all residents, not just those who happen to live in the immediate vicinity. It would be irresponsible not to favor some improvements for safety purposes and unreasonable not to favor some enhancement for scenic purposes, despite strong sentiments expressed by the hill area people for no changes at all."

The report states, however, "Such changes should be accomplished as sensitively as possible."

"Although citizen concern over the loss of scenic quality may have been masked by concern over proposed street improvements, there seemed to be a real concern that the area not change in character. Maintaining this natural character would imply controlling development," says the report.

The staff notes that if the city council decides that no realignment should take place on the portion north of Joaquin Miller road, the city would have to repay the gas tax fund approximately $400,000.

The city, of course, could spend the $400,000 in other road projects in the city where residents may want street improvements such as curbs and gutters.

The pay-back would be necessary because gas tax funds have been used to purchase the rights-of-way and if the project were abandoned the city would either have to find $400,000 to keep the parcels for vista spots or sell it off and repay the gas tax fund.

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The Housing and Urban Design committees of OCCUR (the Oakland Citizens' Committee for Urban Renewal) are sponsoring this public meeting, which will be held on the mezzanine of Foster's cafeteria, 14th and Broadway, at 8 pm. For information about OCCUR call 839-2440.

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Shell's million dollar offer to restore Wilshire heights

by PEGGY STINNETT

Shell Oil company has offered the city $1 million to pay for stabilization of the Wilshire Heights slide area in return for reconstruction of its broken jet fuel pipeline.

The oil firm wants a 25 year franchise and guarantee of an alternate route down Lincoln avenue to Carmel street in the event the stabilization work does not hold sometime in the future.

Shell also seeks a "temporary" route, the purpose of which is not explained. This route follows generally the one proposed for the permanent route of the line.

The offer was made in the formal document to the Oakland city council last week. Mayor John Reading referred the application for franchise to the city manager for review and recommendation in accordance with the procedure required by law for franchises.

Following the city manager's report, a public hearing on the proposal will be scheduled by the city council.

Councilman John Sutter commented on the three routes proposed and asked if this meant Shell could "switch from route to route at any time it wanted to without approval from the city."

City Attorney Edward Goggin replied that this was a matter he would comment upon at the time he makes his report. "If that is the result that would be obtained from the existing language, it may be that a recommendation would be made to change that language. I have not given it any study."

Shell Oil company's pipeline through London road was broken in January 1970, during the massive slide in Wilshire Heights

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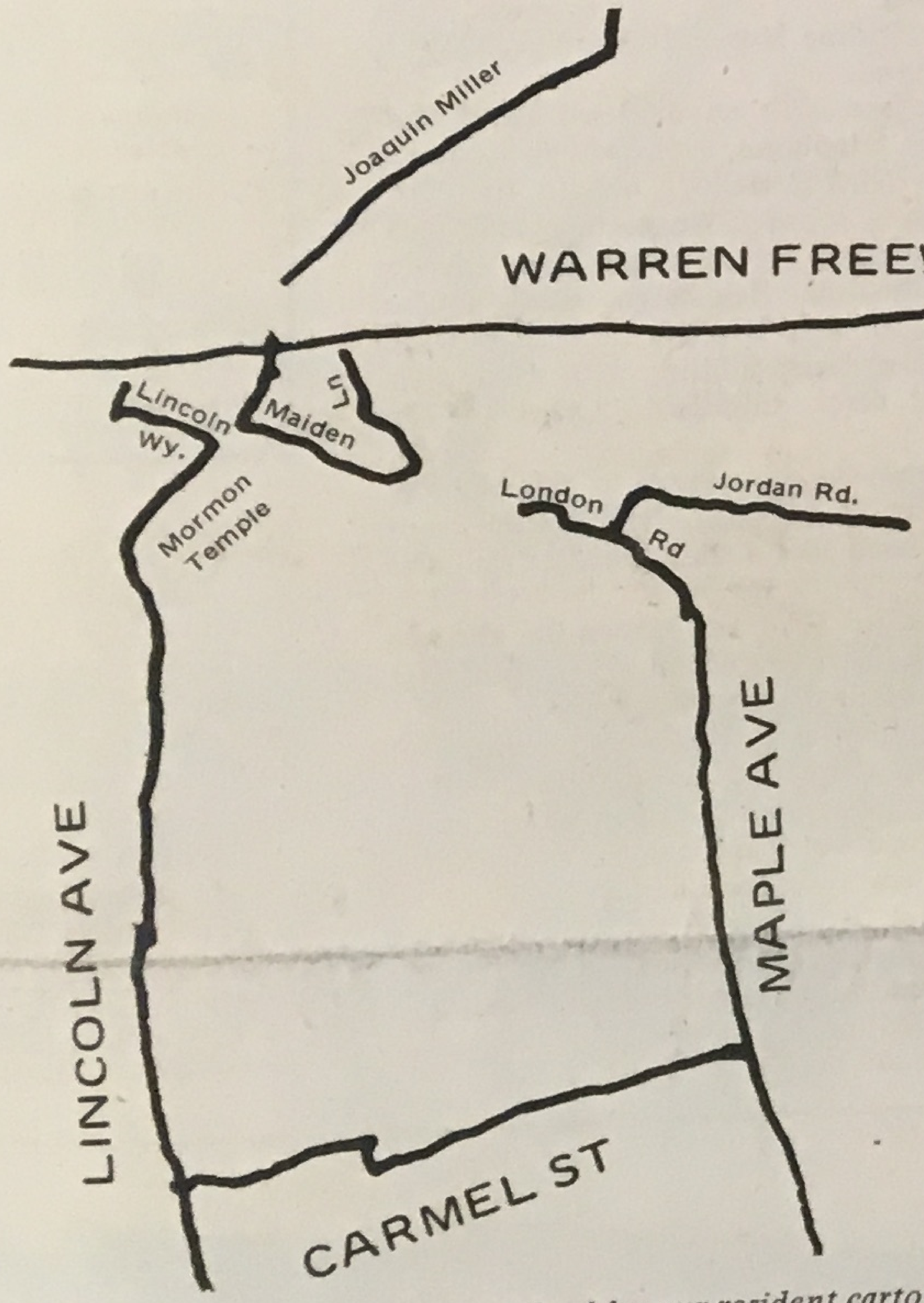

RELEVANT streets in Shell's alternate plans as realized by our resident cartographer, who seems to have been tippling a bit early. We'd hoped to provide a relief map, showing areas washed out, creeks, other topographical features, but we don't know how.

Convention center for Oakland?

by PEGGY STINNETT

Does the city of Oakland want or need a convention center?

Research indicates convention centers are not self-supporting, which means taxpayers, in one way or another, would have to subsidize one in Oakland.

Mayor John Reading thinks the "intangibles" from a convention center might justify a subsidy of some kind. For example, a convention center would be a way "to fill up the hotels" in the Coliseum area which have occupancy rates of only 55 percent.

On the other hand, Councilman John Sutter asks, "What about the poor taxpayers? The city is faced with a $7 million dollar deficit, it has one of the highest tax rates in the state, we're committed to $30 million dollars for a City Center parking garage for 5,000 cars. There is a limit on how much the city can subsidize private development. If we're not at this limit, we're very close. There are just too many other problems. Given all the other commitments, I don't see this as feasible."

These nitty-gritty attitudes on a convention center for Oakland emerged from a special meeting of the city council last week with Hotelman James Stockman who came with a proposal to build a convention center which the city would underwrite at the rate of $400,000 a year.

Stockman proposed what he called a "self supporting" $8 million convention center and exhibit hall with 6,000 seat and a 3,000 seat banquet hall plus exhibit space of 90,000 square feet.

The convention center would be part of a complex costing over $18 million and including a 700-room hotel, a small shopping complex and an office building, which Stockman would own.

He asked that the city and county back a long term lease to a non-profit corporation (his) for 40 years. The city would pay 75% and the county 25%. (This is where the $400,000 from city funds comes in.) The county would pay $133,000 under Stockman's proposal.

City manager Jerome Keithley and other staff members, notably Finance Director Robert Odell, took a dim view of the hotelman's proposal.

Keithley told councilmen if they wanted to build a convention center it would be more advantageous to the city to eliminate the "third party," which in this case would be Stockman.

Mayor Reading asked Keithley to get together with Coliseum management, Port of Oakland staff and county staff to look into the feasibility of constructing a convention center.

Stockman's proposal would place the convention center across the Nimitz freeway from the Coliseum complex. Drawings of the proposal show a covered pedestrian walkway over the Nimitz, which he indicated would cost $600,000. (Staff had obvious doubts it could be built for that sum.)

He asked that the city or port make a "donation" of two of the estimated 31 acres needed for the center complex. The center would be built on the two acres.

Stockman proposed that the city use $400,000 in hotel-motel tax revenue to make the annual payment, but Odell's report indicated that would use up all available revenue from the fund.

At present, the tax finances the chamber of commerce operation at about $256,000, other "community activities" and the exhibit hall at the museum

(The hotel-motel tax fund, however, could be used for other city projects which now eat into general purpose funds, for example, the annual coliseum support payment of $750,000.)

(Stockman had used the Anaheim convention center as an example of how one could operate "profitably" but Odell had checked out the Anaheim situation and discovered that it is subsidized by the total revenue from the city's hotel-motel tax.)

William Sparling, general manager of the chamber of commerce, told councilmen the chamber is committed to a convention center but it should be realized that all studies made of the 10 big convention centers in the country show they are not self-supporting.

Still, he added, the chamber's convention department feels a center is "very necessary" for the city. He urged councilmen to proceed immediately.

Sutter asked Sparli - what he thought about earmarking all of the revenue from the hotel-motel tax for a convention center.

Sparling admitted that certainly would use up the chamber's allocation, but his suggestion was "get more" hotel-motel taxes coming in.

Also lending support to the concept of a convention center for Oakland was William Cunningham, general manager of the coliseum complex.

Cunningham said he is turning away business from the coliseum.

On the other hand, "it is highly unlikely a convention center would be self-supporting. Some form of subsidy would have to be considered," said Cunningham.

During the exchange between councilmen and Stockman, the hotel man made the remarkable statement, "We would need the hotel-motel tax to make the convention center

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BUT WILL IT FLY? Architect's conception of convention center proposed by James Stockman.

Siesta time in old Oakland

It will be siesta time in the city of Oakland next week.

The reason is about 20 or more city officials, semi-officials and non-officials are going to sunny Mexico for a five-day junket.

The Port of Oakland is paying for flights for most of the gang. For everyone to get there and get back home, probably will cost about $7,000. When they get there the Port of Manzanillo will host them in hotels and restaurants, it is reported by public relations staff of the port of Oakland.

The whole purpose of the junket is to participate in a

World Trade committee (a chamber committee), A. Gonsalvez, Bill Horn and Chris Redlich, all bankers, and George Olson of Price-Waterhouse.

That's 21, which should give Oakland ample representation at the ceremony.

Charles Siefert, port public relations officer, reports that the port will pay for the

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and holidays 90 days after council approval.

Johnson also reported that the parks and recreation department is planning to request state funds to construct a pathway adjacent to the lake along Lakeshore avenue and the 12th street dam so public sidewalks aren't needed for the route. When the pathway is constructed it would no longer be necessary to restrict the hours of use, said Johnson.

Sutter complimented the plan saying he felt it would be good "physically and psychologically" for the people of Oakland. "Also, this plan keeps the bikes off the streets," he commented.

His only criticism was the limited time the route would be in use.

Councilman Paul Brom said he thought it would be "improper" to use sidewalks for bicycles and pedestrians. "It's bound to be confusing. There are many elderly who walk around the lake."

Councilman George Vukasin said, "I think we're on a collision course with joggers and bicycles."

City Manager Jerome Keithley said the staff had taken that possibility into consideration but it was felt the conflict between bikes and autos was a more serious threat.

He said if the council approved the plan priorities could be changed so that the improved pathways could be available for use in the spring.

Brom said, "The problem is to convince the pedestrians the sidewalks aren't for them."

A motion was made by Councilman Frank Ogawa to adopt the plan on a trial basis with Sutter seconding but Councilman Felix Chialvo said he didn't think it would be "catastrophic" if the budget committee considered it along with other items for the next fiscal year.

"It's not a lot of money," argued Sutter but Chialvo told him "You've got to think of the taxpayers too, John."

"It's just a matter of reordering priorities out of this year's budget," Sutter pointed out.

Mayor John Reading said he didn't want to bypass the budget committee but would ask that the matter be expedited.

Sutter asked that the recommendation come back to the council within a month.

Shell offer

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which destroyed 17 homes. Numerous additional homes are still in peril from the slide movement which a few months back was still moving (although at a much slower rate than at the height of its movement).

Since the pipeline was destroyed, Shell has sought several times with no success to relocate the line. Public sentiment has strongly opposed relocating the line in other areas sought by Shell.

Opposition to the "alternate" route along Lincoln avenue and Carmel is already surfacing as word of the proposal has reached residents. Once before, residents of Lincoln avenue presented a solid front against the pipeline being placed in that hill area street.

The proposal calls for the underground pipeline to be 10 inches in diameter. Approval must be obtained from the superintendent of streets and the fire marshall. The fire marshall has already stated he will not approve the line until he has "full assurance" from the department of public works that the landslide is "stable."

This could present a difficult problem since the engineer's report, upon which Shell based its offer, predicts only "partial stabilization" of the landslide area.

At present, Shell has a 10 year franchise for the pipeline. The new one, if granted, would be for 25 years with a provision for review and renewal every five years by the city manager. Terms of the provision could be modified by "mutual consent" and with a written report to the city council.

Under provisions of the application, Shell would be responsible for damage or

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Convention center

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self-supporting."

Mayor Reading, who has long favored a convention center, pressed for further exploration of the idea, although he admitted the problems.

"It's a very risky thing. We have to accept that but the returns that could come to the city are hard to relate to the deficit," said the mayor.

He said he felt strongly the center should be operated by Coliseum Inc., but with the exception of Stockman there had been no aggressive move by the city to accomplish a convention center.

Reading said he could see some advantages to private development of the complex because this would mean the center itself could be built at less cost.

He said previous feasibility studies on convention centers had been "too vague" and contained "oversights."

As for Stockman, Reading said he didn't feel it fair to continue discussion with him unless the city council felt like going in the direction of private development.

Councilman Felix Chialvo suggested Keithley should get together with the county to discuss the proposal.

It was then that Councilman Sutter raised his questions about the "poor taxpayer" who in the long run would be paying for commitments made by the city.

Sutter said he wasn't opposed to a convention center for Oakland but he did feel there had to be limits where public funds are involved.

Mayor Reading said the costs had to be weighed against the "intangible" benefits to the city.

Councilman George Vukasin said the council's task is to decide "if we want a convention center." "We all would want to support a project like this but it's the finances. Also maybe we should see who's going to benefit," said Vukasin.

He moved that the matter be given to the city manager for study.

Keithley said he wanted to meet, at least initially, with only "staff" of the port, the chamber and the coliseum.

He also asked that if "technical" assistance is needed for a study, he be authorized to use hotel-motel tax funds. The council agreed.

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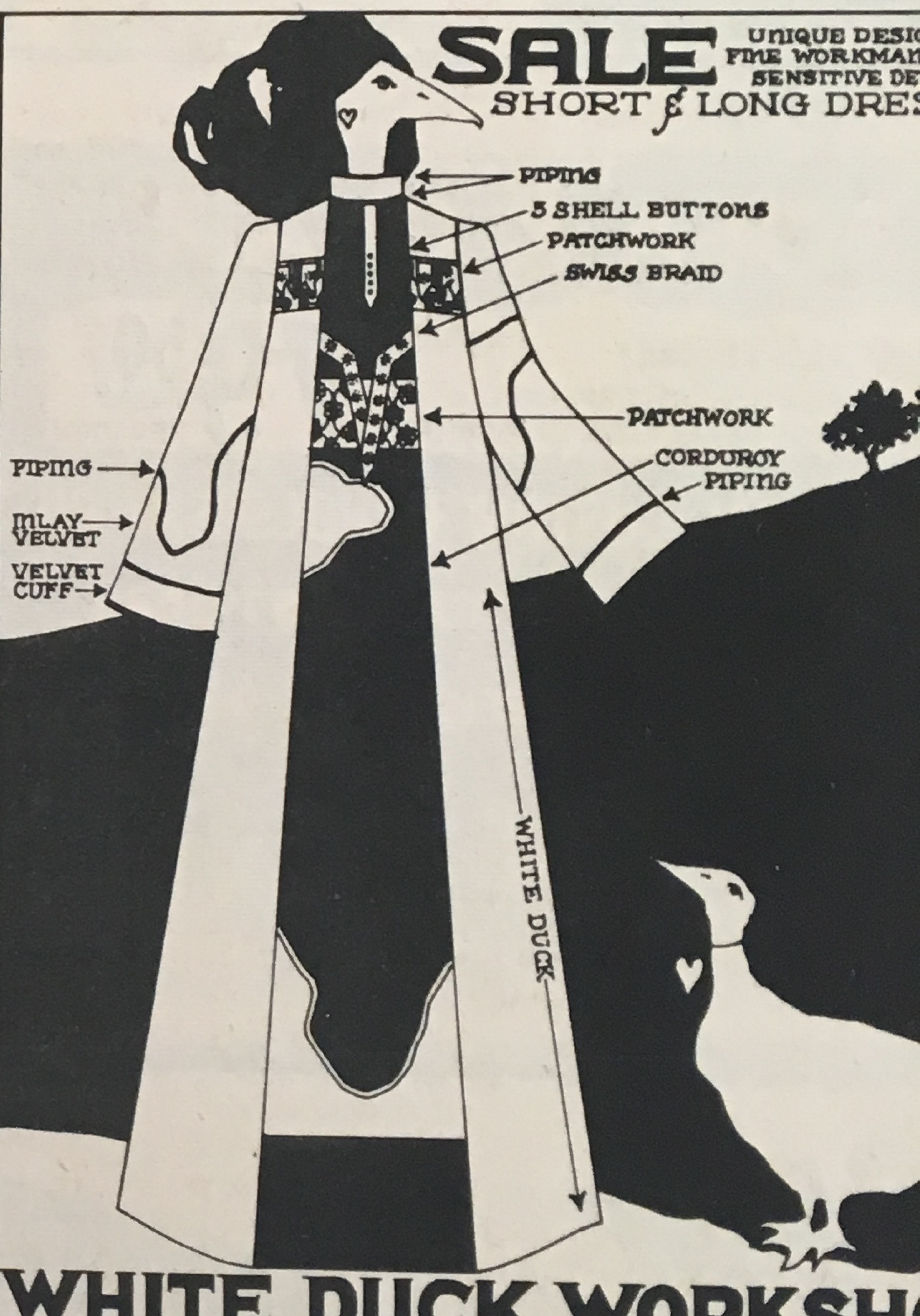

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By SUE SOENNICHSEN

Two BART directors appeared before the county supervisors to assure them, despite what they'd heard, that the system can indeed reach the Livermore - Amador valley.

Recent charges by new BART director Daniel Helix (from Concord) that the line would not be extended to serve this area were pooh-poohed by Harry Lange, Oakland BART representative.

"One of our new directors," said Lange, "is in the process of being educated, and unfortunately he is doing it out loud."

Helix last month said he had been told by engineers that the automatic control system couldn't handle the extension. Helix also worried that the majority of the 12-member BART board of directors was "leaning toward servicing the San Francisco International airport," before building the Livermore line.

CAN AND WILL

Lange disagreed categorically. Said the Livermore - Amador line can and will be built. Its only limitation, he said, is that the Livermore traveler will have to transfer, perhaps at Bayfair in San Leandro.

This transfer is justified, Lange said. Direct line trains would mean longer waits between trains, he explained.

There are three main east bay branches of BART coming up from under the bay from San Francisco.

If a train leaves San Francisco every two minutes – one to the Richmond line, the next to the Concord line and the next to the Fremont line – then the maximum wait for a train home would be six minutes. Add a Livermore direct line and either everybody waits eight minutes or Livermore waits 12 between trains, Lange said.

"We have the capacity to do it, if you want to pay the time penalty."

During the day, he pointed out, at non-rush hour, all but travelers on the Concord line will have to transfer anyway.

TRIED ONCE

Trains can't get much closer than two minutes apart, Lange said. "With all our technology we still can't get two trains in the same place at the same time," he said. "We tried that once" (laughter).

Lange said he wanted to stress that the system will not be computer run. "It is run by wayside equipment on a scheduled basis," he said. What the computer does is "monitor every train on the system and make minuscule speed changes to keep the cars moving smoothly in realtion to each other." He said the system is based on 105 cars and will have 70 when it starts.

"Studies about the possible future routes are still going on," pointed out Supervisor Joseph Bort. "The results will not be in for 18-24 months. We may find BART eventually extended to San Jose."

S.F. AIRPORT?

Getting BART to run to the San Francisco airport is yet another problem.

Lange attempted to calm the fears of BART – exhausted local taxpayers that San Mateo county might be allowed to enter the system without paying its full share.

He and another BART director, Arnold Anderson of Castro Valley, said any county coming into the system will be assessed a "buy-in" charge. Figured last year, the charge was $52 million. Now it would be $60-$80 million, according to Anderson. This would be on top of the expense to the new county of building the system there.

Caution about a proposed bill by State Senator John Nejedly was expressed by Bort. "I'm supportive of the motive," said Bort, "but it's improperly drawn."

Lange agreed, saying the bill would charge San Mateo not only a "buy in" fee to go into the BART general fund, but also the "new" money from San Mateo would not necessarily be spent there, but could well be used in Livermore or on the Pittsburg - Antioch extension, for example.

"It's self-defeating," said Bort. "If this sort of bill passes, San Mateo won't join. They'll build their own system. And eventually federal and state government will force us to hook up."

LOT OF MONEY

"A lot of people paid a lot of money into BART," said Bort, "and it is more value to them to get to San Mateo than to Antioch."

In an interesting sidelight Supervisor Emanuel Razeto asked the two directors if they had "any feeling about the BART board being elected as opposed to being appointed" (as they are now).

Anderson said, "I think it is all right." And said it may come to that with current "one man, one vote" rulings.

But Lange thought differently. "If the board had been elected," he said, "the system would have never got off the ground."

"We've had enough problems on that board," he continued, "with it made up of calm rational people not talking to the press." And then looking around, said "I guess I've insulted everyone in the room."

But he persisted, "We wouldn't have had enough quiet sessions."

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Teacher cuts proposed as Foster predicts huge deficit

by PEGGY STINNETT

Superintendent Marcus Foster sounded the first alarm in the school district's annual fiscal crisis last week when he warned of a deficit of at least $1 million for the 1972-73 school year.

A cut of 50 teachers from this year's staff is included in the preliminary budget forecast ... class sizes of the current year apparently will not be maintained.

Foster made a strong statement in his forecast, saying he will not "dismantle" the system because of the projected deficit. However, he said it may be necessary to notify some persons that their functions will be ...

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Community meeting called to view proposed 'Mountain Village'

MASTER PLAN: Here is a general view of the Challenge Development company's idea of how the hills should look from Redwood road to Keller avenue. The illustration above is taken from a colored-in aerial photograph, and is not as sharp as we might like, but readers should be able to get the gist of the idea. All construction not otherwise identified is attached one-family dwelling units; there are 1080 of those planned, and an equal number of multi-family units. Only 23 detached one-family dwellings are planned (in the upper right hand corner of the picture). In all, 685 acres are involved: 8 for the 23 detached homes, 110 for attached one-family, 40 for the multi-family, 12 for schools, 28 for streets and 480 for parks and open space. One portion of the development below the Merritt campus is not shown here. For lots more information, see the story below.

by PEGGY STINNETT

The would-be developer of "mountain village", a proposed community of 5,400 people, which would stretch across 700 acres of hillside land, will present a slide show and answer questions about the plan at a community meeting at King junior high school tomorrow night, March 9, at 7:30 pm.

The meeting has been arranged by the planning commission to provide information to concerned hill residents but it will not be an official meeting of the commission.

Co-chairing the community session will be S.J. "Bud" Blair, president of the Federation of Hill Area Homeowner associations, and a member of the commission.

The rule will be "questions only" since there will be a public hearing on March 22, in room 115, City Hall at 1:30 pm. At that time, hill residents and organizations will be permitted to state their "positions" on the proposed development.

The same rules were set forth last Wednesday by Commission Chairman Jens Hansen during what had been announced as a public hearing. During that session, Hansen restricted speakers to "questions only" promising them an opportunity to "take positions" at the March 22 public hearing.

Dan Coleman of Dan Coleman Associates, presented an extensive slide show and presentation on "Mountain Village" at last Wednesday's meeting. The same show will be repeated tomorrow night.

His firm has designed the master plan for Challenge Development company, an affiliate of Alcoa, which seeks a planned unit development permit for almost 700 acres extending from Keller avenue in the vicinity of Oak Knoll U.S. naval hospital and the new Merritt College off Redwood road.

Coleman is best know for his successful design of Reston, a model "new town" community in Virginia.

In his presentation, Coleman relied heavily on language from the recently adopted city council "Options for Oakland" resolution which calls for, in part, for mixed residential development in all parts of the city, including the hill area.

Coleman noted that the propsed master plan is a "representation of how the property might appear at the time of ultimate development, a self-contained mountain village in a natural setting containing many types and price ranges of housing, a small convenience shopping center and an elementary school." The plan calls for 1,080 townhouses, and the same number of apartments. Twenty-three detached single family homes are also in the plan.

Challenge Development is not proposing to carry out the plan itself. Rather it would sell off parcels to other developers and builders.

The master plan shows a four lane divided road along the ridges of the hill from which numerous cul-de-sacs and loops branch off to the clusters of housing.

The jam-packed hearing room groaned collectively as Coleman stated that engineers say seismic action on the nearby Hayward fault will not adversely affect the development. The Chabot fault, which runs along the center of the canyon, is "inactive" according to Jo Crosby, soils enginner, Coleman reported.

Under the plan, a five acre lake would be located adjacent to Continued on page 3

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By Fred Graeser

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Mayor John Reading told Davis, "Your five minutes are up."

Councilman John Sutter said the fire department, also affected by the rule, seemed to be "lost in the shuffle" and noted that the fire chief did not have a recommendation comparable to Chief Gain's.

He noted captains and lieutenants in the fire department live together in the fire house (community of interest). He made a motion for the division to come at assistant chiefs and battalion chief.

Councilman George Vukasin said the past fire chief and present chief both stand by the recommendation to split at the captain and lieutenant level. Sutter failed to get a second to his motion relating to the fire department division.

City Manager Jerome Keithley said the two fire chiefs have had concern, "But not to the degree of Chief Gain."

Councilman Chialvo made the motion to exclude police and fire from the document setting forth the rules and regulations.

Paul Varacelli of Municipal Employees Local 399, told councilmen there are employees who have grave concerns about the action because the court proceedings may delay negotiations for non-uniformed employee groups.

He urged the council to adopt two identical resolutions, one for non-uniformed and another for uniformed, so the court test won't affect the non-uniformed personnel.

But City Attorney Edward Goggin said he didn't expect the court test to hold up representative elections or negotiations of the non-uniformed employees.

...Montclair Lion's club recently became the 200th such ... to join the Lion's Eye Foundation of ...da. Shown here are Jack Summerfield, local Lion's ...olds Partridge, local treasurer and zon e chairman, ...on, district governor of some 55 clubs.

Community meeting to view proposed Village

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Keller avenue, the focal point of a residential waterfront complex and small shopping center.

An extensive pedestrian system would lace through the development offering spectacular views of the bay and the valley.

Coleman also described a school site, of eight usable acres which would house the estimated 500 children who might live in "Mountain Village". But there was no indication that the site was to be given to the school district and there are no funds for acquisition.

He presented a letter from School Supt. Marcus Fester which wished "every success" to Challenge Development in the endeavor.

In his letter of Feb. 22, Foster said a school for 500 students would be needed if the proposed project is realized and the site, located not far from Merritt College, would be well located.

Foster said the district would require a geological survey to determine earthquake risk potential and that all fill be engineered with 95% compaction. Also, there should be sufficient temporary drainage to prevent erosion.

He said funds are not currently available to buy the 8 acre site but "we would be very much interested in further discussing with you the matters of cost for the site and a tentative timetable for acquisition of the property."

A subsequent letter received March 1, by planning staff from Kent Friel, another school administrator, made no mention of the possibility of term purchase of the site.

Speakers at the hearing indicated the school site would become a major issue in what looks to be a major battle shaping up over the proposed development.

Bonnie Cross, a teacher at E. Morris Cox, and resident of the hill area, said she was "horrified" at Foster's letter because he seemed to fail to consider the children who might be affected if housing continues to be built without providing adequate schools.

Another major issue in the upcoming battle will be the suggestion by the developer that 480 acres of open space be dedicated to the city as a public park.

As Planning Director Norman Lind pointed out there will be difficult problems to solve such as the cost maintenance if it becomes a major financial responsibility of the city.

He pointed out that the city would have to take over this responsibility if it is to be open for public use. If private property owners form an association to maintain it, the public probably would be excluded.

Another possibility proposed by Coleman was that a special assessment district within the boundaries of the development be formed to maintain the park.

Commissioner Morgan Rice said the issue of the acreage becoming a public park would have to be submitted for study to the park superintendent because, "we can't just say here's a park, fellows, now you maintain it."

M. Roy Wright of the Sequoyah Hills Homeowners association, suggested the community meeting so all residents with an interest could see just exactly what the developers are proposing.

S.J. "Bud" Blair of the Federation of Hill Area Homeowners association, provided a significant turn in events when he reminded the commissioners of guidelines set forth in 1968 when a "conceptual master plan" was adopted by the city council for 700 acres owned by Oddstadt-Wunderlich.

Blair pointed out that the guidelines called for a citizens committee to act in an advisory role on future development.

Hansen asked Blair to develop the committee as soon as possible so it could present a position at the March 22 public hearing. Hansen called on Blair to assemble the committee.

Among the speakers who were permitted to present their "question" was Nat Frankel, Hillcrest Estates Improvement association.

Frankel called the proposal "one of the vices on a massive scale. These large quantities of apartments which will drastically change the community." Frankel said the apartments will attract "transient rentals".

Hansen shut off Frankel telling him his "questions" sounded more like "a position."

Frankel switched to questions asking how many yards of earth movement will be involved. The answer was 3,600,000 yards.

"Why not single family detached homes?" asked Frankel. Coleman told him clustering of units provides more open space but added, "there may be condominiums, not all need be rentals."

Frankel also expressed concern that more than one developer will be involved thus lessening control of the finished product.

Mrs. June Kinney of the Leona Heights association, asked that a detailed environmental impact study be made of the plan while Paul Zeigler of Hansom drive called for a study of air pollution in particular.

A new group called Citizens to Save the Canyon had several spokesman, including Richard White who asked about price ranges of the proposed apartments.

Coleman said it would be difficult to be precise at this time but appears they will be "modest middle to high priced." "The builders will ultimately decide," he added.

Dennis McCarthy, also of Citizens to Save the Canyon, said it seemed a remote possibility that any low cost or middle income housing could be provided considering the cost of the earth moving.

Jay Goldstein of Phaeton drive, expressed serious concerns about the school problem noting that the school district is unable to provide what is needed now so how can it take care of this new proposed population of children.

A student from U.C. Davis who lives on Surrey Lane, Michael Carter presented a series of questions including one asking why the public hearing to be held March 22 could not be held in the evening when more people could attend.

Hansen told him the commission will consider that possibility. However, later he announced the public hearing for the afternoon of March 22.

Carter asked if since the development's density is based on the entire acreage and a large portion of that is to be a park if anyone with property next to a park could include that open space in formulating density.

"Obviously not," replied Hansen.

Carter also asked how the development meets the city's most pressing needs for housing, as set forth in the Options for Oakland resolution, for poor, black and large families.

Hansen said, "We've already heardthat due to the cost of land development the housing will be for moderate to high income."

After several more questions, Hansen called Carter to a halt.

"I have 32 more questions," noted Carter in a scholarly manner. "But I'll save them for later."

That later may be tomorrow night.

NOTICE:

Officers of the Hillcrest Homeowners association announce that a previously scheduled meeting to be held tomorrow night, March 9, will be adjourned to the King junior high school for the community meeting sponsored by the planning commission for a review of the master plan for "Mountain Village." The meeting will begin at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

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staggering $38 BILLION a year."

Fitz concludes that welfare payments provide families with food, clothing and shelter, the nitty gritty needs of living, the difference between life and death.

But, as he says, tax benefits and direct subsidies of various kinds may mean the difference, to a rich person, of a three-month vacation in Europe or only one month in Bermuda.

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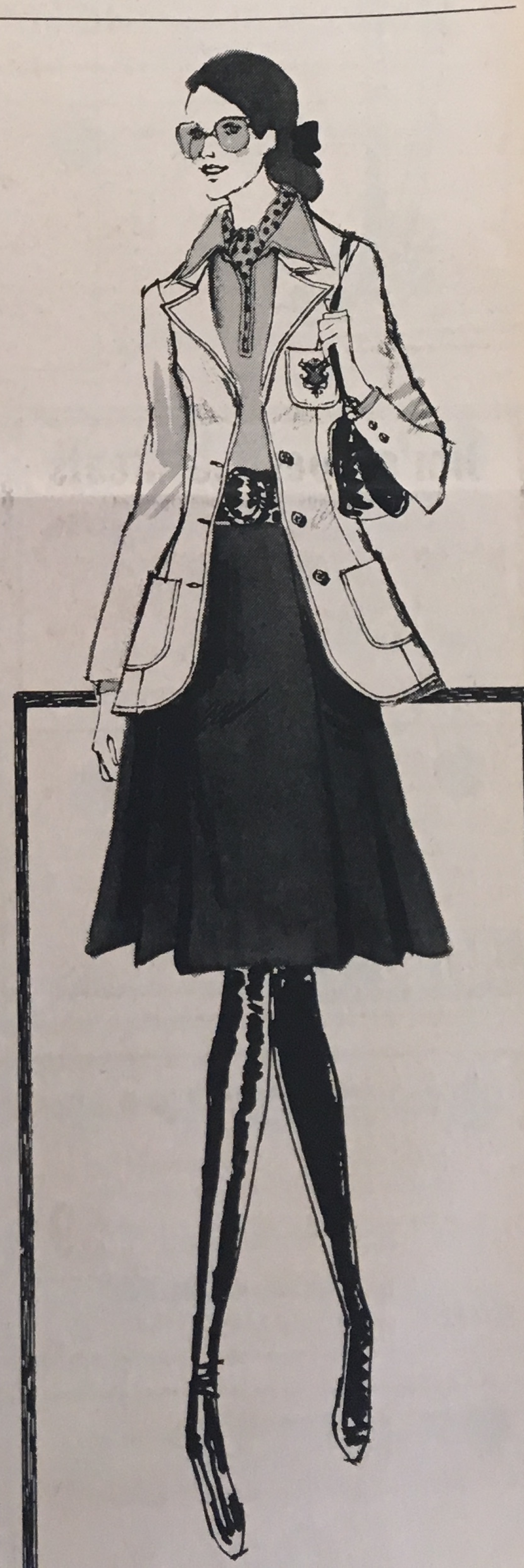
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